

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST    October 17, 2021**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service    Hymns    837    733    744

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

**TODAY 11:15 a.m. Council Meeting**

Oct. 17 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Oct. 17 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Oct. 17 9:00 Sunday School

Oct. 19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Oct. 19 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Oct. 20 Noon Bible Study

Oct. 20 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Oct. 21 4:30-7:30 p.m. Kids Club Fund Raiser (see bulletin board by church office)

Oct. 31 10:15 a.m. LWML Sunday

Oct. 31 11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting

Oct. 31 7:00 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service at First Reformed Church

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Lift High the Cross*. This hymn reminds us that we are all soldiers of Jesus Christ. He is our captain; we follow where he trod. This is an appropriate hymn for our baptisms this morning because we are welcoming four new soldiers to our company. Verse three says, "All newborn soldiers of the crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died." Every soldier of Christ was born into his company at baptism, where they received the seal of the cross on the forehead and the heart to mark them as one redeemed by Christ the crucified. We are his soldiers; he is our victorious king.

**A WORD:** The Old Testament reading is from Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes is about Solomon's search for meaning in life. In chapter 5, he searches for meaning in wealth. He doesn't find it. Wealth never satisfies the one who loves it. Wealth is easily lost. Wealth does not go with us beyond the grave. Therefore, Solomon counsels us against trying to find meaning in wealth, but to accept the place in life that God has given us, rich or poor, and to enjoy what God has blessed us with. This is the gift of God. Jesus also speaks about wealth in our Gospel reading. He says, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Jewish society thought that wealth was a sign of God's blessing. A wealthy man must be favored by God and thus more likely to be saved. When Jesus denies

this possibility, he denies the possibility of salvation to any human effort. Our salvation always rests on God's power. For with man salvation is impossible. But not with God. All things are possible with God.

Our epistle reading from Hebrews reminds us that the promise of eternal rest still stands. All who put their faith in God's promise enter God's rest. When we are tempted to fall away from faith through unbelief or sin, we are to draw near the throne of grace, confident that we will receive mercy because of Christ, our great high priest.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Jeremiah 31:7-9    Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** Following the encounter with the rich young man, Jesus presents just how difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God because of the temptation to place faith in worldly possessions. "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27). How these true words endure as Jesus stands risen from the dead! Christ's resurrection is God accomplishing what was impossible for man: life eternal. He has accomplished it for us to bring us into His kingdom by the forgiveness of sins.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to those who have donated books to the church library. They will be enjoyed by many.

**FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service will be held October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the First Reformed Church. Shari Kastein, Executive Director for the Family Crisis Centers will be the guest speaker. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will also have information on how they are working in our local school. A snack and beverage will be served.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

**TREATS FOR CONFIRMANDS:** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for providing treats for the confirmation students. Thank you in advance for providing goodies.

**THIS MONTH** Daughters of Peace will collect snack crackers, soda crackers, graham crackers, popcorn, cheese puffs, cheese curls, etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

**USHERING TODAY is Team 4; Next Sunday is Team 5:** Lloyd Lupkes, Lowell Fick, Steve Wallenburg, Jeff Folkens, Adam Schwartz, Steve Anderson, Roger Baatz

## + HOLY BAPTISM +

### HYMN 837: LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**P** How are you named?

**R** Colt Perrett, Chase Perrett, Corbin Perrett, Cambree Perrett

**P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold these children according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in

Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve these children as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** Yes, *with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;

**and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** Colt, Chase, Corbin, and Cambree, do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you

may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have graciously preserved and enlarged Your family and have granted these children the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of every child entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture them that they may attain to the full stature intended for them in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

## EPISTLE

*Hebrews 4:1–13*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## VERSE

**Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 10:23–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.  
**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*After the Reading*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN 733: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### HYMN 744: AMAZING GRACE

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