# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Oct. 31, 2021

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service Hymns Peace – 655 Insert 921

English - 655 542 921

## THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

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

Oct. 31 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Oct. 31 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Oct. 31 9:00 Sunday School

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

Nov. 2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Nov. 2 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Nov. 3 Noon Bible Study

Nov. 3 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is, Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word. Martin Luther wrote this hymn as a prayer to God to defend his church from all her enemies. The first stanza is addressed to God the Father, we pray in this stanza that God would "curb those who by deceit or sword" would wrest the kingdom from his Son. Deceit and physical assault are the two weapons God's enemies have always used against his people, and we need protection from both. The second stanza is addressed to our Savior. We pray that he would make his power known through the preservation of his people. Though the Church has experienced constant turmoil since Christ's ascension, it has flourished and grown to include a multitude of people from every tribe, tongue, and nation. This is a testament to Christ's power, and a work that we ask him always to continue. The third stanza is addressed to the Holy Spirit. We pray that he would give us peace and unity in our lifetime, supporting us in faith until we are led from death to eternal life with God in heaven. This reformation hymn, written five hundred years ago, embodies the constant prayer of God's waiting people.

**A WORD:** In our Old Testament reading, God gives the greatest commandment to his people, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you soul and with all your might." Not only are we to love the Lord in this way, but we are to teach our children to love God when we sit, when we stand, when we walk, and when we lie down. Love for God and the teaching of his Word

is to be the constant occupation of our households. Jesus quotes this passage in our Gospel reading, and he adds a second commandment to it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." These two commandments express God's will for us in words any person can understand. We are to love God with all that we are and love our neighbors as ourselves.

The epistle reading teaches us that Christ's blood cleanses us from all sin so that we can enter God's presence. This is the promise of the Gospel. That because of Christ, we have the hope of eternal life in God's presence. His blood has opened the way to the Holy of Holies.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1Kings 17:8-16 Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** With the eyes of faith, we see that Christ's cross, like the sun breaking through the clouds, has broken through our bondage to sin. In Him, we are free indeed because He has burst the shackles of our captivity by His redemptive sacrifice. This Jesus is the Son of God, who has the authority to redeem us. This Jesus was, is, and will be the heart of the Reformation message of eternal freedom that flows from the forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel.

**NOVEMBER ALTAR COMMITTEES:** The Altar Committee for Peace is Kathleen Dieren and Colleen Small. The Committee for English is Linda Wulf.

**FIFTH SUNDAY SERVICE:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service is today, 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 6; Next Sunday is Team 1:** Michael Huygens, Keith Berg, Keith Lambert, Bob Iwen, Lucas Larson, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

# **HYMN 655: LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD**

- P In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 
  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 89:1–4; antiphon: Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;

in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

'I will establish your offspring forever,

and build your throne for all generations."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And with thy spirit.**
- P Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, cleanse us by the power of Your redeeming blood that in purity and peace we may worship and adore Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

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

**GRADUAL** 

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE Hebrews 9:11–14

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

VERSE Mark 12:29b

Alleluia. Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 12:28–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

## After the Reading

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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: HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

# SERMON

OFFERTORY 192

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 202

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 921: ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN**

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