

BE STRONG IN
THE LORD.

EPHESIANS 6:10



✝ **Sunday, September 1, 2024** ✝
✝ **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost** ✝
✝ **Praise Service – 10:30 am** ✝

Welcome in Jesus' Name

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2nd & 4th Sunday during the 10:30am service.

We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's

Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

To Our Guests

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

Restrooms

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

Large Print Bulletin: If you desire a sight-saving bulletin, please ask an usher.

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Michael and Roberta Murphy in recognition of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Prelude by Mark and Phil

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Opening Song

Amazing Grace, My Chains

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

(Chorus)

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

(Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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

C Amen.

Confession

Psalm 51

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

C **Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

C **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

C **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C **Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand.

C **But with you there is forgiveness, therefore You are feared.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P In humble adoration, let us approach the throne of God and declare, "O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 What a moment! What an opportunity that our God loves us so much that He allows us to approach Him, admit our faults, and repent of our sins. That is the sign of a gracious, loving God. Yet, He went beyond that when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ to suffer and die on our behalf. In that moment, God, in all His love for us, said, "Your sins are forgiven." Can you feel the love? Because of that love, because of Jesus' sacrifice, these words hold great truth; Jesus declares, "your sins are forgiven." Go forth and experience the true joy of God's love, grace, and forgiveness in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A How quickly we forget? God declares to His people that they should remember his laws and decrees. Yet, just like them, we quickly forget. We get wrapped up in everything else. Still God comes to us today to remind us of His desires. The Old Testament lesson is from Deuteronomy chapter 4:

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

- A** To remember God's decrees requires training just like a Soldier. A Soldier is not given an option of what they wear into battle, they are told, and compliance is necessary for survival. While God will not demand and require or stand over our shoulder and point a finger, He shares with us what is necessary for survival in all battles. Listen to God's guidance from Ephesians chapter 6:

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Song of Praise

Praise the Father

O sovereign God, O matchless King
The saints adore, the angels sing
And fall before the throne on grace
To you belongs the highest praise

(Chorus)

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
Clothed in power and in grace
The name above all other names

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

P Cleanliness is next to godliness! Yet, our cleanliness is far from that which makes us godly. Just like the people in this morning's Gospel, we too struggle to understand how the filth comes from our heart. We like to blame others, events, situations, etc. However, the filth comes from within and defiles us. Let this not be Lord! The Holy Gospel is from Mark chapter 7:

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.**

Please be seated

Song of the Day

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

(Chorus)
Saviour, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow
Everything that I believe in
Now I surrender

(Chorus)

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus

(Chorus)

Sermon

Spiritual Fitness

Offering

Please stand

Offertory

Be Glorified

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer of the Church

Prayer

P Let us pray together:

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(Chorus)

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

(Chorus)

The Dismissal

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude by Mark and Phil

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✠8:30 am – A traditional worship service in the classic Lutheran liturgical style.

✠9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

✠10:30 am – Praise Service – A contemporary worship service that is geared to families with young children.

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