



**Therefore  
be imitators  
of God,  
as beloved  
children...**

**Ephesians 5:1, ESV**



**✝ Sunday, August 11, 2024 ✝**  
**✝ Twelfth 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Jo Bellhorn in honor of her church family***

## **Prelude by Mark and Phil**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

*Please Stand*

## **Opening Song**

*Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

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

**C** Amen.

## Responsive Reading

*Psalm 127*

- P** Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
- C** **Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.**
- P** It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- C** **Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.**
- P** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
- C** **Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

## Confession of Sins

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- P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.**
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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C** **Amen.**

## Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working mightily in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*1 Kings 19:1-8*

- A** What does fear do to us? Can it make us fail to see God? Does it corrupt our heart to feel that God is no longer present? Fear can do many things, and this morning we hear as Elijah was afraid, and in that fear he ran away for his life. Yet, in the midst of his fear God came to him, ministered to Elijah through His angels, and then sent Elijah on a journey. Do not let fear block your view of or from God, for God is always there. The Old Testament lesson is from first Kings chapter 19:

<sup>1</sup>Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”

<sup>5</sup>And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched

him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” <sup>6</sup>And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” <sup>8</sup>And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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

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

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:17-5:2*

**A** Learned imitators of God. That is a lot to digest, because not only does it mean that we must learn as much about God as possible, but it also means that we will work to imitate His goodness. That sounds like a lot of work. God even adds, "be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger and give no opportunity for the devil." This is not going to be easy, but rest assured that God's goodness is already present through the love of Christ. Christ's sacrifice made us conquerors to overcome the devil, temptation, anger, wrongful acts and more. We just need to walk in Christ's love. The Epistle is from Ephesians beginning in chapter 4:

<sup>17</sup>This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>But that is not the way you learned Christ!— <sup>21</sup>assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup>to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest

work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup>Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse - Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King**

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed up, on it, mount of Thy redeeming love

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home  
Now Your grace is always with me, and I'll never be alone

*(Chorus)*

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;  
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,  
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

O, to grace, how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

*(Chorus)*

Come, Thou Fount, come, Thou King;  
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing,  
Come, Thou Fount of our blessing

## Holy Gospel

*John 6:35-51*

**P** Bread of life! Eat my flesh! This sounds a bit...crazy! Yet, Jesus declares that we must eat His flesh. However, do not think to oddly about it, because the Bible declares that Jesus is the Word made flesh. This points back to another text that tells us to inwardly digest His Word. Therefore, we need to make the Word of God a part of our everyday life. As we eat this word, we not only learn about Jesus and God, but also about the promise that is ours through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Gospel is from John chapter 6:

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup>All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

<sup>41</sup>So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will



raise him up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**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*

## **Sermon Song**

*This I Believe*

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One  
God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

*(Chorus)*

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious light  
Forever and ever

*(Chorus)*

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*(Chorus)*

## **Sermon**

*Learned Imitators*

## **Installation of Teachers/Staff**

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank You for providing faithful men and women in Your Church to assist and support the Office of the Holy Ministry and its work among us. Grant Your Holy Spirit to our teachers and staff, and adorn them with wisdom and power from on high. Incline both young and old to godliness and obedience, and let them so benefit by instruction in Your holy Word that they may serve You all their days and finally obtain eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

*Please Stand*

## Offertory

*Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.
- P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.
- P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.
- P** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Prayer of the Church

### Prayer

- P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Blessing of the Backpacks/School Year

#### 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.

### 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

*10,000 Reasons*

*(Chorus)*

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*(Chorus)*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*(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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✠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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