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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Rest from the Pursuit of Wealth

October 20, 2024

Modified Creative Worship



PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANT PROCESSIONAL

AS WE GATHER

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Scripture readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land when God wanted them to take possession of it.

God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves in Egypt and received a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet, at first, they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers all of us authentic "rest" through the gift of the forgiveness of sins through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is guiding all of us to receive and embrace that "rest" by faith and through grace. What an incredible gift that is!

▼ PREPARATION **▼**

HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" LSB 813

- 1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise, Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days. Refrain
- 3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth. Refrain
- 4 Yet on and onward still,
 With hymn and chant and song,
 Through gate and porch and
 columned aisle
 The hallowed pathways throng.
 Refrain

- Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 6 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest; The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

INVOCATION

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- P In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,
- God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.
- When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,
- they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.
- When there was no way out for us because of our sin,
- God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Hebrews 1:1–2, adapted

- Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,
- and we see things from a limited human perspective.
- P You are omniscient, knowing all things;
- **G** we are but mortal.
- In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.
- Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.
- P When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,
- and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.
- P Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.
- When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.
- P We need rest from our enemies,
- from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.
- P Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,
- for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.

- I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?
- C Yes, it is my sincere confession.
- P Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I am delighted to announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

₩ WORD ₩

INTROIT Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18

- P The Lord is near to the brokenheartedG and saves the crushed in spirit.
- I will bless the Lord at all times;
 His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
- C let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!
- I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
- and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"In Thee Is Gladness" LSB 818

- In Thee is gladness 1 Amid all sadness. Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest. Our bonds Thou breakest: Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia!
- 2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,

Love Him and praise Him

7

And still shall raise Him

Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth,

1827-78, alt.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet we too often spend our energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy us. By the leading and guiding of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away our rest. Help us recall our true rest and hope is in You alone. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give us rest, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

10 He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.
11 When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? 12 Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the

full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. 13 There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, 14 and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. 15 As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. 16 This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? 17 Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. 18 Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with

and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. 19 Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil--this is the gift of God. 20 For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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

PSALM *Psalm* 119:9–16

- L How can a young man keep his way pure?
- By guarding it according to Your word.
- L With my whole heart I seek You;

- let me not wander from Your commandments!
- **L** I have stored up Your word in my heart,
- that I might not sin against You.
- L Blessèd are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes!
- With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.
- In the way of Your testimonies I delightas much as in all riches.
- L I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.
- I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.
- **EPISTLE** Strive by faith to enter God's rest and do not become disobedient. *Hebrews 4:1–13*

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ² For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,' "although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." 5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, 7 again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. 9So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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

VERSE Mark 10:27b

- P Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.
- For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.
- HOLY GOSPEL Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God. Mark 10:23-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 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." 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." 28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "What Is the World to Me?" LSB 730

SERMON "A Word to the Wealthy" Mark 10:17-30

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life * of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

our prayer.

and for all people according to their needs and the will of God.

Heavenly Father, we confess before You that just as Solomon pointed out,

P We pray for the whole people of God

rest.

Help us on this day and always to find rest. Lord, according to Your will, hear

we get busy with life and struggle to

- P Almighty God, You cast aside a generation of Your people and gave them no rest because of their disobedience.
- By the aid of Your Holy Spirit, help us to seek to obey You rather than rebel against You. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P Lord Jesus, look upon us with Your compassion.
- You know those among us who are sick, hurting physically, and who otherwise need Your healing hand.
- P We commend into Your care those who are sick, [including . . .]. Restore them to health according to Your will.
- C Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.

- We pray for our land and those You have put in charge of overseeing our government at every level.
- Grant Your Spirit to give them wisdom and guidance. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P We lift those who struggle: the homeless, the orphans, the widowed, and those in poverty.
- We bring them to Your throne of grace, asking that You provide help for them in their time of need. Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- P We bring before You the needs of Your Christian people in the world, whether here or elsewhere,
- for Christian missionaries, for the persecuted, for those facing war and difficulty of any kind.
- P Look at them, whose names we may not know but You do, and others, whose names we do know but are not named and known to You.
- Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805

∆1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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▼ SACRAMENT **▼**

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and wholesome for us to give thanks and praise to You, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in spite of our rebellion against You, You loved us and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, as the sacrifice for all our sins. Because of His death, You give life to those who believe. Because of His resurrection, all who believe are given rest and peace with God. Because He lives, so do we. Because He rose from the dead, we know after our flesh has been destroyed, we, like Job, will see

God in the flesh. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven itself, we give You thanks and praise, always joining in praising You by saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He

broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My *\text{\sigma} body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

- The peace of the Lord be with you always especially as we join together in receiving the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
 - 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" LSB~623
- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and

- wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood, The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold; All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity, Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
 O keep us steadfast till that day
 When each will be Your welcomed
 guest

In heaven's high and holy feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Text: Public domain

- "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" LSB~636
- Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render. Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded; He, though heav'nly, high, and

holy,

Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him. And with loving rev'rence greet Him. For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal. Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
- That I nevermore will leave You. 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure; But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given. Though the wealth of earth were proffered, None could buy the gifts here offered: Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- Now in faith I humbly ponder 4 Over this surpassing wonder That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
 - With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, 5 Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, 6 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring,

- Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessèd food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You. By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited; By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; (sts. 1, 4–5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2–3, 6–8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

- Your table I approach;
 Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an unrepentant heart
 Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands; A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

- Your body and Your blood, 3 Once slain and shed for me. Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- Search not how this takes place, 4 This wondrous mystery; God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- Oh, may I never fail 6 To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light. Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–

1915, alt.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Almighty God, in this feast, You give us a foretaste of what is to come when Your kingdom comes in full forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation. We ask that as You gave Israel rest from their enemies when they obeyed You, that You would give us respite from our enemies here: the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, that we may serve You in peace and quietness here and have a foretaste of the rest You promise. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

 $egin{array}{ll} \mathbf{HYMN} & \text{``Guide Me, O Thou Great} \\ \mathbf{Redeemer''} & LSB~918 \end{array}$

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
- Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91 Text: Public domain

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated during our worship service this morning. The Bible is clear about who is welcomed prepared to receive Communion. St. Paul writes in 1Corinthians 11:28 - "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." Therefore, those Christians who are prepared and "worthy"; communicants have been led by the Holy Spirit to ...

- 1) Feel contrition and confess all sins to the LORD
- 2) Trust in Christ for the forgiveness of sins
- 3) Strive to turn away from unrepented sin and
- 4) Discern and believe in the real presence of Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the outward forms of bread and wine. Therefore, we welcome all confirmed adults to join us at the Table of the Lord. We do invite those adults and children who are not prepared to receive the Lord's Supper to come to the communion table, cross your arms across your heart, and receive a blessing from the pastor. Thank you!

MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun Oct 20

- 9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – To Be a Disciple (Matthew)
- 10 am Pentecost 22 Worship w/ communion

Tues Oct 22

10 am Adult Bible study – Being Lutheran Book Bible Study 11 am Trinity Prayer Warriors 4 pm Deadline for announcements and info Book Study-Being Lutheran Eve. -Time to be Confirmed.

Wed Oct 23

Thur Oct 24

7 pm Stewardship and Evangelism

Sun Oct 27

9 am Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – To Be a Disciple (Matthew)

10 am Pentecost 23 Worship w/ communion

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Attendance week of October 13, 2024 10:00 am Worship in Person: 62/Online plays: 159

Communion: N/A

9:00 am Kids Sunday school In Person: 7

9:00 am Adult Bible Class in Person:

12/Online plays: 202

10:00 am Tuesday bible class in person: 8

SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Andrew Eppler

Elders: Ray Swanson, Bill Hertel Pastor: Pastor Michael R. Ruhl

Organist: Linda Freeman

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 4.

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