

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 27**

**October 5 & 6, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve-ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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\* GREETING

P Christ has called us to this place,  
gathered one and all by his Holy Spirit

**C** We are followers of Christ  
who seek to hear the Word,  
live the Word,  
and share the Word.

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\* SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And also with you

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

5:30 Praise Choir

8:30 Chancel Choir

11:00

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

<sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

#### **"Stewards of the Mysteries of God" (Hear the Word)**

<sup>4</sup> Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup> Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup> But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

**\* GOSPEL VERSE**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e-ter-nal life: Al-le-lu - ia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Speak, Lord, your servants are listening!**

**\* GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

<sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Pr. Jon



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,  
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,  
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,  
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.  
 will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil  
 Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,  
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.  
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.  
 and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007  
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### \* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of

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

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

**P** God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE OFFERING**



**\* THE OFFERTORY**

**“Now Thank We All Our God” (vv. 1 & 2 only)**

**ELW #839**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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**Welcome to the Feast of Holy Communion.**(Gluten free wafers available, ask the Pastors)  
We believe that in the sacrament Holy Communion, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. All who trust in Jesus and call upon his name as Lord are invited to receive Holy Communion. Guests who are with us, who regularly commune in their home congregations, are also welcome. Children who have not yet been instructed in receiving the sacrament are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is  
the new testament in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

#### \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The gifts of God for the people of God.  
C I am not worthy to receive you, Lord;  
but only say the Word and I shall be healed.



\* LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW #656

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER  
10 10 and refrain

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C Amen.

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with the Bread of Life.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be ambassadors of your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**\* BLESSING**

Pastor and Congregation

As you go on your way may Christ go with you,  
May he go before you to show you the way;  
May he go behind you to encourage you,  
Beside you to befriend you,  
Above you to watch over,  
Within you to give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, Son and Spirit.

**\* SENDING HYMN**

**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

**ELW #547**



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God’s chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ’s teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: Welsh folk tune  
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**\* DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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