

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [LECTIONARY 28]**

**OCTOBER 10, 2021**

**SABBATH REFLECTION**

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”–setting, Bill Ingram  
*Resurrection Bells*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,  
and of ✝ the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW # 705

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**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,**

**Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.  
(end)**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,  
**increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies  
behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow  
the way of your commandments and receive the crown of  
everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## **READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of life!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **DWELLING IN THE WORD**

**HOMILY** “What a Friend We have in Jesus”

Vicar Jamie Witt

**\*SONG OF THE DAY** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW # 742

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886; Public Domain

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.  
(end)**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We especially remember MUST Ministries and ask for continued blessing on their ministry as they reach out to meet the needs of Marietta and the surrounding communities.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Healing God, you know our weaknesses and our sufferings as you suffer and walk with us. May your healing presence be felt among those who are struggling with Covid-19, their families, and their caregivers. Bring healing, strength, and comfort to those battling cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Bring wisdom and guidance to doctors as they create treatment plans for patients.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **“The Living Word”**

–Austin C. Lovelace

Text: Based on Hebrews 4:12, Austin C. Lovelace.

*Come with singing, come with laughter,  
Come with joy before the Lord.  
For the Word of God is living,  
Sharper than a two-edged sword.*

*Quick and powerful the Word is,  
Every Word of God is sure.  
Full of grace and truth and wisdom,  
Evermore it shall endure!  
Sweeter than the taste of honey  
Is the message that he gives  
God is speaking to his people,  
Telling us He lives, He lives!*

*Now my heart His Word is beating,  
In my heart I hear his voice.  
Life He brings, O soul receive Him!  
Sound His praise! Rejoice! Rejoice!*

## **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

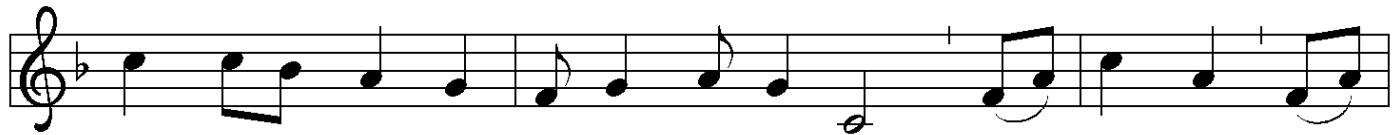
It is indeed right, our calling and our joy,  
That we should at all times and in all places  
Give thanks and praise to you,  
Almighty and merciful God,  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
And by his glorious resurrection,  
Opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
We praise your name  
And join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

*(Communing of Servants)*

## LAMB OF GOD

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

# COMMUNION SONGS

ELW # 482

**“I Come with Joy”**

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**I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.  
(end)**

**“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”**

ELW # 494

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855-1930, alt.

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**For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that you love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heav'n above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With the saints who now adore you,  
seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church still waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us;  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world to which you send us  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

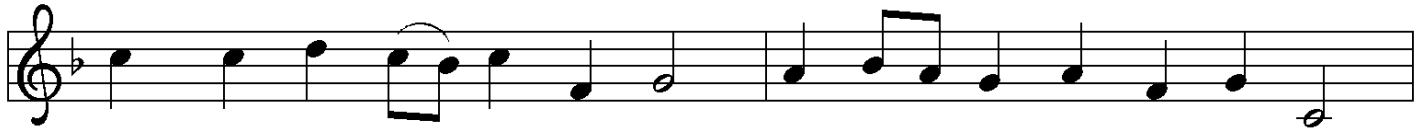
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**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## \*SENDING PRAYER

### \*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.

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

**Amen.**

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **POSTLUDE**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

–setting, Walter Pelz



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