



Sunday, June 25, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 702 (Maroon): My Faith Looks Up to Thee
10:30am Jesus, Firm Foundation

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 91)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² **I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ **He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

⁷ **A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

⁸ You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹ **For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;**

¹² **they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.**

¹⁵ **He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.**

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." (NIV)**
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of great expectations, you know how easy it is for us to make excuses. We love to run and hide when a task is set before us. We look at the expectation and think that we don't have the abilities, strength, or wisdom to accomplish this task. Too often, we think that we are doing these things all by ourselves. And we feel sorry for ourselves. Forgive our ignorance and our stubbornness, O Lord. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that You offer to us also come with your abiding presence, love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Forgive us and place us on the path of joyful service.

Even before we were born, God knew us. God has always been with us. Place your trust in God's presence and forgiving love. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 726 (Maroon): Evening and Morning
10:30am SONG: Lord, I Need You

Readers: 6:30pm John Mons; 8:30am Gwen Wichman; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

- ⁷You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;
you overpowered me and prevailed.
I am ridiculed all day long;
everyone mocks me.
- ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out
proclaiming violence and destruction.
So the word of the LORD has brought me
insult and reproach all day long.
- ⁹But if I say, "I will not mention his word
or speak anymore in his name,"
his word is in my heart like a fire,
a fire shut up in my bones.
I am weary of holding it in;
indeed, I cannot.
- ¹⁰I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!
Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"
All my friends
are waiting for me to slip, saying,
"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous
and probe the heart and mind,
let me see your vengeance on them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD!

Give praise to the LORD!

He rescues the life of the needy
from the hands of the wicked. (NIV)

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EPISTLE READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

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▲ Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleuia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.²⁵ It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED - 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.

Children’s Message

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN G689 (Green): I Am Covered Over

10:30am SONG: It Is Well

MESSAGE “Take Heart” (John 16:33) Pastor Bode

OFFERING PRAYER - *Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.*

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONGS: One Thing Remains

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. **Amen.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN G631 (Green): If You But Trust in God to Guide You

10:30am SONG: Who You Say I Am