



# The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024 10:15 a.m.

*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.*

*Psalm 126*



*Go; your faith has made you well.*

*Mark Ch. 10*

## **Welcome to Church of the Ascension**

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to

**Connect** with God and one another,

**Grow** in faith and understanding, and

**Serve** the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all  
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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# The Liturgy of the Word of God

Welcome

Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

Prelude

## ✠ Processional Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

Hymnal #671

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found, was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

Words: John Newton

Music: *New Britain* from *Virginia Harmony*

## ✠ The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ✠ Hymn of Praise (Gloria)

Hymnal #S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## ✠ The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 126**

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **The Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Chapel

Children ages 3 – 8 and their Leaders exit to "Children's Chapel," returning at the Peace.

### ♣ Sequence Song "Open Our Eyes"

The image shows a musical score for a sequence song titled "Open Our Eyes". The score is written on five staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O - pen our eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ to reach out and touch Him, \_\_\_\_\_ and say that we love Him. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our ears, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and help us to lis - ten. \_\_\_\_\_ O - pen our eyes, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ we want to see Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_".

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### ♣ **The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

#### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

### ♣ The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things**

were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✠ Prayers of the People for the Stewardship Season *(Adapted from TENS)*

As we prepare to bring our gifts to the altar, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise, thanking God for the opportunity to walk in love together.

I ask your prayers for the Church, God's greatest gift to us. For all who worship and serve this day. For the wisdom and teaching of our bishops, priests, deacons, and laypeople. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

I bid your prayers for our Nation and for all nations; for all refugees, for an end to hostilities, for a spirit of Goodwill. We pray for our citizens as we elect leaders, and for our leaders that they may discern your will and work for the common good. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for our neighbors, for the mission of our church and the ways we change the world with our gifts. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the staff and volunteers of Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child), and Shepherd's Staff, who bring hope, relief, and support to those in need. We pray also for those they serve. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

I invite your prayers for those who are sick, who are isolated, who are in despair. We pray for caregivers and healers who care for those we love. Please pray for Sherry, Jenny, Molly, Bill, Donna, Don, Ernest, Nancy, Kadaj, Mary, Joanne, Rick, Kathy, Allan+, those on our prayer list and those who we name now either silently or aloud. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

I ask your prayers for the dead and the dying, and for those who mourn. We pray for those we name now with our lips or in our hearts. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

We give thanks for the birthdays of Rick and Sharon. I invite you to present to the Lord, either silently or aloud, your own petitions, and thanksgivings. *(silence)* As Christ loved us, **we walk in love.**

*Celebrant:* Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and inspire us with gratitude and abundance as we share our many gifts with You and the world You have made. **Amen.**

### ✠ Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### ✠ The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

**O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Stewardship Talk: Deborah Rio

### Announcements

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

### The Celebration of the Holy Communion

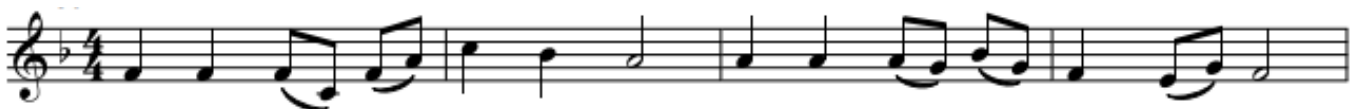
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### Offertory

“Take My Life And Let It Be”



1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love;
3. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold— Not a mite would I with - hold;
5. Take my will and make it Thine— It shall be no long - er mine;
6. Take my love— my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days— Let them flow in cease - less praise,  
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee,  
 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from Thee,  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
 Take my heart— It is Thine own; It shall be Thy roy - al throne,  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly all for Thee,



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♠ Presentation Hymn

"We Plow the Fields" (v. 3 and refrain)



3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:



the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,



but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;



then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.



## ✠ The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord; therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### ✠ Sanctus

Hymnal #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:





We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, James, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



### ✠ The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

♣ Fraction Anthem

"Jesus Lamb of God"

Je - sus, Lamb of God; You take a - way the sin of the  
 world. Have mer - cy on us.  
 Je - sus, Lamb of God; You take a - way the  
 sin of the world. Grant us your - peace.

Chords: Am7, D, G/B, Am7, D, G/B, Em, Am7, Cm7, F, Bb/D, Cm7, F, Dsus4, D, F sus4, F, G/B, C, Bb/D, C, Eb, F, Ab, Eb/G, Cm7, F, Bb/D, Cm7, F.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

**The Communion**

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion in front of the altar. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on demand. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine, you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharist minister on both sides of the priest.*

**Communion Music**

"In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

J. Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
 joyce! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
 voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

## “Glory to the Lamb”



1. Glo ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb. Glo - ry, glo - ry,  
 2. Wor - thy, wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb. Wor - thy, wor - thy,  
 3. Ho ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



glo - ry to the Lamb. For He is glo - ri - ous and wor - thy to be praised, the  
 wor - thy is the Lamb.  
 ho - ly is the Lamb.



Lamb up - on the throne; And un - to Him we lift our voice in praise, the



Lamb up - on the throne.

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### ✠ Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ✠ The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ✠ Recessional Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Hymnal #410

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
 to his feet thy tribute bring;  
 ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
 evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor  
 to his people in distress;  
 praise him still the same as ever,  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
 well our feeble frame he knows;  
 in his hand he gently bears us,  
 rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
 ye behold him face to face;  
 sun and moon, bow down before him,  
 dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise with us the God of grace.

## ✠ The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

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Worship Assistants	October 27	November 3
Organist	Mary Butler	Donna Parker
Musicians	Adult Ensemble	Praise Ensemble
Ushers	David Horn, Beatrice Howe	2 <i>needed</i>
Acolyte	Alex Corns	1 <i>needed</i>
Lector	Buck Lyon-Vaiden	1 <i>needed</i>
Chalicians	John Holbert, Bobbie Gooding, Jim Fariss, Kim Tompkins	John Holbert, Bobbie Gooding 2 <i>needed</i>
Worship Slides	Jill Horn	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
Audio Visual	Travis Collins	Travis Collins

## October Altar Guild: Team 2

Janice Hobart, Jill Horn, Emelia Howe, Deb Vana

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Frank and Beverly, in celebration of grandson, Liam's, birthday.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Rick and Betsy, in celebration of Rick's birthday, and in thanksgiving for the many wonderful blessings received from the sale of their house and the move to Carroll Lutheran Village.

## Attendance: October 20:

8:00 am - 23 10:15 am In-person - 62 YouTube - 6 Facebook - 1 **Total: 92**

## Readings for All Saints' Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

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