

21st Sunday after Pentecost – Series C October 21, 2007

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door front entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the steps in the back of the church.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and the Sacraments. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.

Our faithfulness is a response to God's faithfulness.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 259

STAND



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COME, OH, COME LET US SING TO THE LORD Venite

The congregation will sing the refrain and the verses



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PSALM OF THE DAY

FIRST LESSON

Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law was directly tied to her devotion to the one true God of Israel.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons- would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!"

At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her.

"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

CHOIR

This Little Light of Mine

Ruth 1:1-19a

GOSPEL

Only one leper returned with a word of thanks for the miraculous healing. When we realize the tremendous blessings Christ has earned for us, may thankfulness always be our response.

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 520

2 Timothy 2:8-13

SERMON

The salvation that he had in Jesus moved Paul to be faithful to the gospel despite the suffering that he endured because of it.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

Endure With Christ

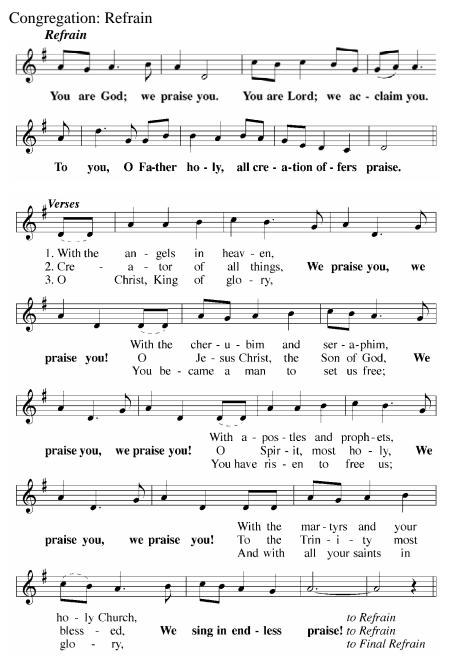
By remembering Jesus Christ For the sake of the elect

STAND

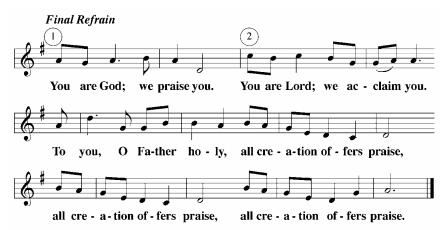
YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU Te Deum

The choir will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain and bold phrases.

Choir: Refrain



The Final Refrain is on page 7.



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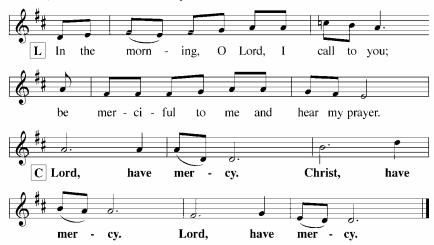
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OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

STAND

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

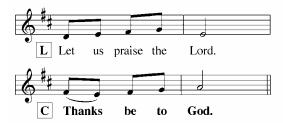
PRAYER OF THE DAY

- M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
- C: (spoken) Amen.



BLESSING



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CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 326



Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship:	353 (27	Communion: 182 (27,155)
Bible Stud	y: 55 (6,	40, 9) Youth Study: 11
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting, school commons
	1:00 p.m.	Work on Nativity Scene, school basement
	5:00 p.m.	District Pastoral Conference, Mishicot
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school commons
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class
	8:15 p.m.	Church Choir
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Worship
	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:10 p.m.	Church Band, school basement
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, church

Voters Meeting will be after worship this Sunday in the school commons.

- **Nativity Scene** painting will be Sunday afternoon at 1:00 in the church basement. Join us for a time of fun service to our Lord!
- **His Word My Life Class** There will be no class this week, October 21/22. Pastor Ott will be at District Pastoral Conference from Sunday evening until noon on Tuesday. We will meet on Sunday October 28 and Monday, October 29 and continue our study of New Testament Gospel Words. In our next class we will look at *Justification*.
- Youth Bible Study will meet in the commons Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday Bible Class** will continue a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. This week we look at Article Six: *The Third Use of the Law.* Join us before you pick up your school children!
- **Adult Christ Light Class** will study *Joseph Becomes Ruler of Egypt*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
- **Church Band** will not meet this Wednesday. Instead we will meet next Sunday, October 28, 10 minutes after worship ends in the school

basement. Join us as we praise God and proclaim the gospel in our music!

- **Friendship Witnessing Workshop** Please join us on Saturday, November 3 for another Friendship Witnessing Workshop. Learn ways to be the best friend you can be so that you earn the right to be heard when you speak of God's love in Christ. We will meet in the church basement from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- **Looking for a night out?** On Friday, November 9, the Youth Group will be hosting a Free Babysitting Night from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. We will have a variety of games, movies, and gym activities for children of all ages. We will also have refreshments and snacks. Enjoy a night out!
- **Female Members** We need women to help with *Advent by Candlelight* on December 1. The program starts at 4:00 p.m. We need musicians, singers, readers, and table hostesses. This can be done as solos, duets or groups. Hostesses for tables will need to decorate one 60" round table and provide a desert for the table. Hostesses can team up. If you are interested see Linda Bruegge or sign up in the church basement.

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