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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

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located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
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usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
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broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

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

October 10 & 13, 2024  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



## Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities

People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue that which is nice while downplaying that which is needed.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Good news: followers of Christ maintain proper priorities. Even better news: followers of Christ receive his forgiveness for all the times their priorities have been improper.

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## Opening Hymn

*I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus* CW 816



1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust-ing on - ly you;  
4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.  
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

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M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed our own selfish ways and the desires of our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**



2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,  
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;  
 for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.  
 trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.

**M:** Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (T) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



5 I am trust - ing you for pow - er; you can nev - er fail.  
 6 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus; nev - er let me fall.  
 Words which you your - self shall give me must pre - vail.  
 I am trust - ing you for - ev - er and for all.

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## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**Choir** (*Sunday 10:30 am*)

*Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its  
righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia!

Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye  
shall find,  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;  
Allelu, alleluia!

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**First Lesson****2 Kings 5:14–27**

The prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.

<sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

<sup>15</sup>Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel." "So please accept a gift from your servant."

<sup>16</sup>The prophet answered, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

<sup>17</sup>"If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the Lord. <sup>18</sup>But may the Lord forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the Lord forgive your servant for this."

<sup>19</sup>"Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, <sup>20</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

<sup>21</sup>So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked.

<sup>22</sup>"Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

<sup>23</sup>"By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup>When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

<sup>25</sup>When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?"

"Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.

<sup>26</sup>But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? <sup>27</sup>Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow. (NIV)

## Refrain

## Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord Psalm 90a CW



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

*Tone*



Lord, you have been our / dwelling place  
throughout all gener- / ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,  
saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,  
or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,  
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;  
 establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## Second Lesson

## Hebrews 4:12-13

God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. (NIV)

## Verse of the Day

**M:** Alleluia. For the word of God is alive and active. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)

*Stand*

## Gospel

## Mark 10:17-27

Jesus helps a young man see a problem deeper than his failure to keep God's law perfectly—that he prioritized his wealth above the call to follow Christ.

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup>“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>20</sup>“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” (NIV)

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

# Hymn of the Day

Where Your Treasure Is CW 828:1-2

*Refrain*



Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.

Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.

Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.

1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,  
2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.

what you should eat or what to wear?  
They do not work their whole life through,

There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.  
and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.

*Refrain*

Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?  
So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?



*Stand*

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Be Seated*

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **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.**

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## **THE SACRAMENT**

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**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



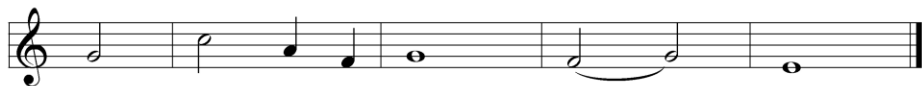
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be Seated*

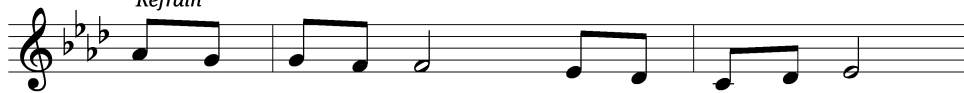
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*Refrain*



Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.



Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.

4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,  
yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.

Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



*Refrain*

So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?  
ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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# Distribution Hymn

The Lamb CW 525

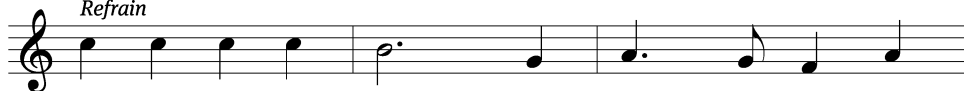


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
 4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
 5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
 The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
 so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.  
 He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.  
 His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

## Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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Stand

## Thank The Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



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

M: Hear the prayers of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son, may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*What Is the World to Me* CW 717



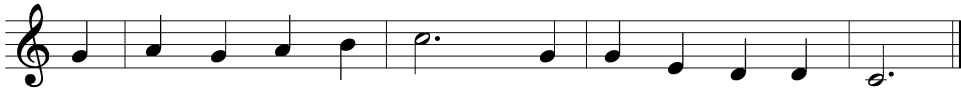
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,  
3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.  
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;  
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;  
My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,  
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!  
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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