



**Pentecost 2**

**June 13, 14, 15, 2020**

**WORSHIP FOCUS**

*The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word. Not all who call themselves ministers do that, so watch out for false teachers! Many will come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but they are not what they seem. The Church's only defense is to stand firmly on the rock-solid truth of God's Word. The Season of Pentecost unfolds the teachings of Christ and the application of faith in the life of the Christian. How fitting that this initial Sunday lays the foundation for that teaching and life: the inspired Word of God.*

**Opening Hymn – 190**      *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

**We now implore God the Holy Ghost  
For the true faith which we need the most,  
That in our last moments he may befriend us  
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.  
Lord, have mercy!**

**Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,  
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,  
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood has bought us,  
Who again to our homeland has brought us.  
Lord, have mercy!**

**O sacred Love, grace on us bestow,  
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow  
That with hearts united we love each other,  
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother.  
Lord, have mercy!**

**O highest Comfort in ev'ry need,  
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed  
That e'en then our courage may never fail us  
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.  
Lord, have mercy!**

Text: German hymn, c. 13th century, st. 1; Martin Luther, 1483-1546, st. 2-4; tr. composite.

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

## **GLORY TO GOD**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



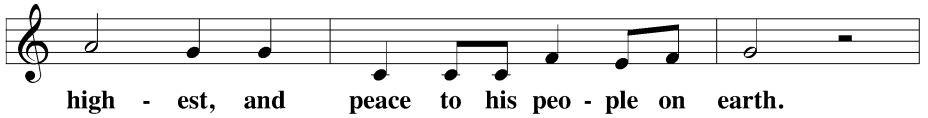
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



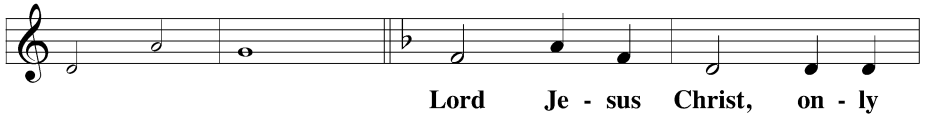
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



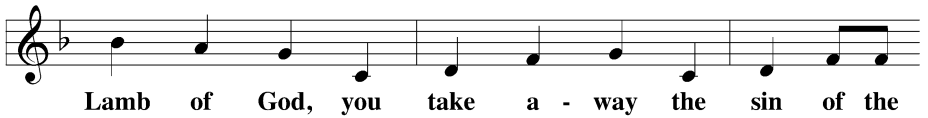
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



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



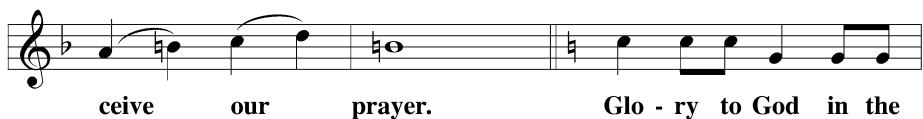
world; have mer - cy on us.



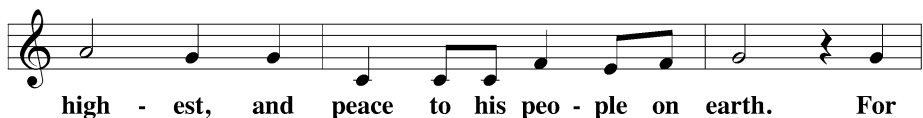
You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; receive our prayer, re-



ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth. For



you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the



Lord, you alone are the Most High,



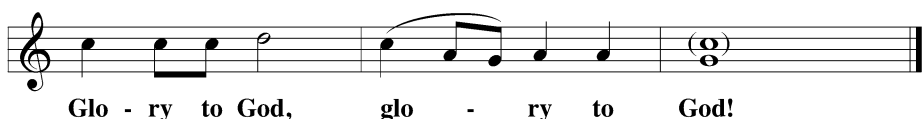
Je-sus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God!

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*Spoken together*)

**O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (Cong. Sings) AMEN.**

**First Lesson**

**1 Kings 22:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>Then Micaiah said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains like sheep that have no shepherd, and the LORD said, 'They have no masters. Each one should return to his home in peace.'"

<sup>18</sup>Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he does not prophesy anything good about me, but only bad?"

<sup>19</sup>Then Micaiah said:

Now hear this word from the LORD.

I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and the whole army of heaven was standing around him, on his right and on his left.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Who will entice Ahab so that he goes up and falls at Ramoth Gilead?"

One spirit said this. Another one said that. <sup>21</sup>Finally a spirit came and stood before the LORD and said, "I will entice him."

The LORD said to him, "How?"

<sup>22</sup>He said, "I will go and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets."

Then the LORD said, "You will entice him successfully. Go and do it."

<sup>23</sup>Now look! The LORD has put a lying spirit into the mouths of all these prophets of yours, for the LORD has decreed disaster for you.

**Psalm 78**

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



O my people, hear my teaching;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,\*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob\*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,\*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God\*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### ***Refrain***

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## **Second Lesson**

## **2 Peter 1:20-2:3**

<sup>20</sup>Since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>There were false prophets also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup>Many will follow their depraved ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be blasphemed. <sup>3</sup>In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated messages. Their condemnation announced long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

## Verse of the Day

*Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

*Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)*

**C: (sings) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Gospel

**Matthew 7:15-29**



**C** Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>15</sup>“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? <sup>17</sup>So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. <sup>21</sup>Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. <sup>26</sup>Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.



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

## **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 worshiped 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.

### **Hymn of the Day – 382**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

#### ***Refrain:***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

#### ***Refrain***



His oath, his covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before his throne.

*Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Sermon

Matthew 7:15-29

*Words are Powerful!*

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Prayers & 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.

## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. (8)

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

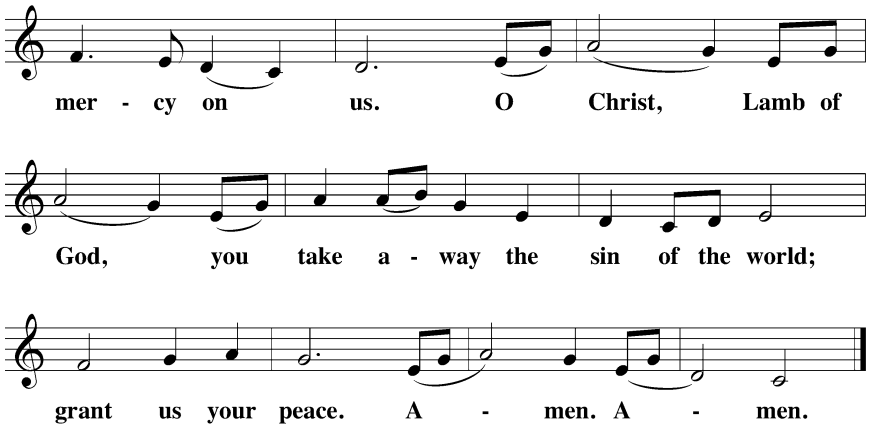
**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

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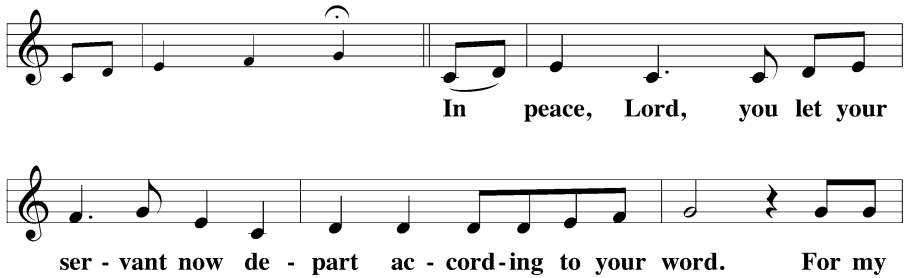


mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
 God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

**Distribution**

***For our Visitors: “May I receive the Lord’s Supper here today?”***  
*The Lord’s Supper is a priceless medicine for the soul. We do everything we can to encourage its proper use. We also recognize from God’s Word (1 Corinthians 11:23-32) that this medicine is a prescription item. Used for the wrong reasons by someone who does not understand it correctly, the Lord’s Supper can actually cause spiritual harm. For that reason we, like the corner druggist, do not dispense it over-the-counter. Out of concern for each individual’s spiritual welfare, we try to ensure that communion will be properly used by all in accord with our Lord’s own will. We ask that if you have not received this sacrament here before, to please refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. We also offer a light color non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray for those who cannot have alcohol because of medical conditions.*

**Thanksgiving**



In peace, Lord, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for



ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**Congregation (sings): AMEN. AMEN. AMEN.**

**Closing Hymn – 318**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,**

**The people of God from his dwelling take leave.**

**The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended**

**The fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,**

**Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us**

**To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us;  
With your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

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