

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Door of Insight
October 19 & 20, 2013

The almighty God has chosen to reveal Himself and His will to us in the Holy Scriptures. These Holy Scriptures endure forever (1 Peter 1:23-25). The inspired Word of God makes us wise for salvation and equips us for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This revelation of Truth is to guide our daily steps through life (Psalm 119:105). Jesus prayed the night before He died on the cross: "Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth." Our spiritual door today is the door of Bible study: the Door of Insight.

WELCOME

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." Psalm 23:1-3

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN #802 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest to both great and small-In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

(Rise)

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation;

People: I will trust and will not be afraid.

Pastor: For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

People: And He has become my salvation.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not always put our trust firmly in you. We have transgressed your commandments in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil you forbid and have not done the good you demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father, because of the atoning death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that is sinful and broken in our lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve you in confident faith. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him, trusting His mercy and grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and growing obedience, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory to God in the Highest"

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are, seated At God's right hand on high-

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

5:00 BAPTISM of Hazel Isabel Hart

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10:30 BAPTISM of Rhylan Dale Kordus

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Please refrain from taking flash photos during the worship service.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 32:22-30 (*Jacob wrestles with God through the night.*)

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:10-17

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

10:30 *"One God – Three Persons in One God"*

Children's Choir

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8 (*The account of the persistent widow*)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the pleas, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #707 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God grant me grace To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands 'Tis a delightful road-

Nor let my head of heart or hands Offend against my God.

SERMON

"Motivated to Study the Word"

2 Timothy 3:10-17

(Rise)

8:00 APOSTLES' CREED (*found on the inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us join our hearts and minds together in prayer, approaching God's throne of grace, assured of His promise to hear and answer. Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before you our common supplications for the well-being of your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by your Holy Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth.

People: **Grant all your holy people to hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of your grace, that they may please you in all things.**

Pastor: Grant your continued love and mercy to our brothers and sisters in Christ, who suffer persecution for the sake of His name.

People: **Strengthen their witness to His invincible life and unending love.**

Pastor: By your Holy Spirit, enlighten all who teach and all who learn in Christian schools in our nation and at every level of learning,

People: **that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth they may serve you from generation to generation.**

Pastor: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with your blessing, that they may be inclined to your will and walk according to your commandments.

People: We humbly ask your abiding presence in every situation, that you would make known your ways among us.

Pastor: Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of your creatures and help those who call upon you in any need especially Jerry, Helen, Dolores, Woody, Marlene, Joyce, Eugene, Pat, Nancy, Helen, Eleanor, Lorina, Anna, Jean, Sarah and Joe.

People: Bless them with patience in the midst of suffering and, according to your will, release them from their afflictions.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we rejoice as more family members are brought into Christ's eternal kingdom. We give you thanks as Hazel and Rhylan are baptized into Christ this weekend.

People: Keep them in your grace all their days, grant them to grow with us in the knowledge of Christ Jesus, and hold them in the palm of your hands.

Pastor: Father in heaven, when loved ones depart this life your children are filled with grief and continue to experience heartache over the earthly loss. Bless and be with Sharon as she remembers her husband, Richard, and her daughter, Renee.

People: Comfort her, lift her up, and strengthen her as she continues to live life longing for the great day of reunion in the life of the world to come.

Pastor: We praise you for the abundant mercy that you this day so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that we may daily walk through the door of insight, that your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working mightily in us to your glory and for our salvation.

People: Prepare the hearts of all who will commune this day to receive the Savior's body and blood in repentant faith and joyful hope.

Pastor: Finally, we commit ourselves, our loved ones and all things again this day to your Fatherly care. Let your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

8:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #687 "Thine Forever, God of Love"

Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O defend us to the end!

Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have you not forsaken me? O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.

HYMN #797 “Praise the Almighty”

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord Will aid and counsel now afford. Alleluia, alleluia!

Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for you have once again fed and nourished
us at your table through the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Strengthen us so that we may continue to proclaim your love to all the world
and bring us to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #919

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Stanzas 1-3 & 6

Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with your grace
that satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

Abide with heav’nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error’s gloomy night.

Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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