



Pentecost 22

OCTOBER 20, 2024

prelude

Confession & Absolution

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

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*

**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion, send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

# Entrance hymn

*O God Beyond All Praising*

**880**



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## Greeting

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Almighty God, contrary to all the wisdom of the world, blessing does not come from the neglect or exploitation of the vulnerable, the humble, and the handicapped. Righteousness in your Kingdom was shown through the compassion of your Son, who embraced the exploited and disadvantaged while challenging the perspectives of the powerful. Keep us ever mindful of where the blessing that we enjoy comes from, that in grateful obedience to your power and authority, we will faithfully come behind Jesus as our Lord and Savior, following Him in The Way he leads and taking his enlightened perspective on all things. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## First Lesson

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This is what the Lord says to the Lord's people:

Israel has sinned three times -

No, they have sinned four times,

So, I will not take away their punishment;

They purposely overcharge the humbly faithful to gain as much profit as possible,

and they exploit the needy over a pair of sandals,  
they trample the heads of the poor into the dust of the earth,

and push the handicapped out of the way;

women are treated scandalously by men,

and because of this, my holy name is profaned;

they come to find rest and comfort at my altar wearing

clothes they have gained by leaving others naked and cold;

and in the house of their God they drink

wine bought by collecting fines for laws they have unjustly imposed on others.

Yet, I was the one who destroyed their enemies in the past,  
enemies who whose height was like the height of cedars,  
and who was as strong as oaks;  
I destroyed this enemy's fruit above,  
and their roots beneath.

Also, I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,  
and led you forty years in the wilderness,  
to possess the land that I had promised you.

And I raised up some of your children to be prophets  
and some of your youths to be priests.

Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?

says Yahweh.

But you forced the priests to corrupt themselves  
and commanded the prophets,  
saying, "Shut up!"

So, I will press you down in your place, just like a cart that  
is overloaded with sheaves of wheat presses its wheels into  
the ground.

The runner will not be able to flee,  
and the strong will not keep their strength,  
nor will the mighty be able to save their lives;  
archers will not be able to stand,  
nor shall those who ride horses save their lives;  
all those who are stout of heart among the mighty  
shall flee away naked in that day,

says Yahweh.

*The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm**

**91**



You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the



Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

*Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling place,*

**No evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

*For the Lord will command the angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.*

**On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. R**

*You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.*

**Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name. R**

*When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.*

**With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation. R**

## Second lesson

## 1 Peter 3

Everyone in the Church should agree on the same goals: we should strive to have a consensus in thought; we should be sympathetic to each other; we should love one another; we should be compassionate; we should not get back at each other if one of us happens to do something unkind or uncaring to us, no, we should return to them a good blessing, because this is what God has called us to do so that we, too, will inherit a good blessing in God's Kingdom. For the Psalmist wrote long ago that:

*"Those who want to really live, really love,  
and those who want to have good days,  
don't speak badly about others,  
and they do not tell lies;  
they turn away from evil and do good;  
they seek peace and go after it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,*

*and his ears are open to their prayer.*

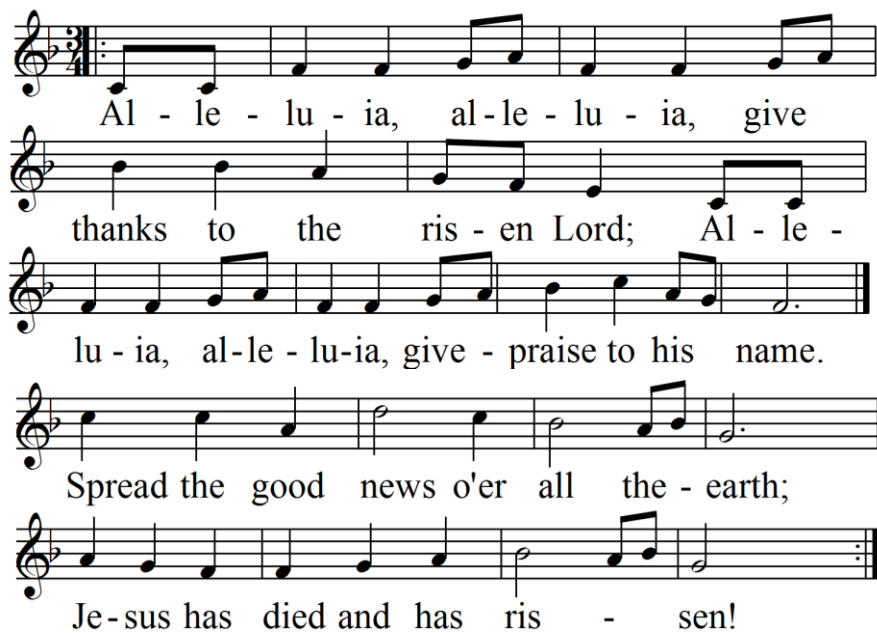
*But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

[Ps 34:12-16]

Who among the faithful will treat you badly if you are zealous in these kinds of behaviors? And, even if you are treated badly by others, you are still blessed by God. Do not the fears of the unfaithful be your fear, and never let their anxieties be your anxieties, just keep the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always be ready to explain this Word that you find hope in whomever asks you about it. Deal gently and respectfully even with those who do treat you badly because of your faith so that you can have a clear conscience. When you do this while you are being slandered, it is those who are slandering you that will be shamed because they are mistreating you for your good conduct in Christ. Suffering for doing this kind of good is much better than suffering because you are doing evil, especially if you are suffering doing good because the good you are doing is the will of God. For Christ also once suffered for the sins of all of us, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that we may actually get close to God.

*The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.  
Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;  
Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!



*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

**Gospel**

**Mark 10**

Two of Jesus' disciples, who were brothers, the sons of Zebedee, whose names were James and John, came alongside Jesus while they were all walking in The Way. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, we would like you to do whatever we ask you to do for us."

So, Jesus responded, "Well, what is it that you want me to do for you? "

James and John said, "When you sit on your throne in the Kingdom of God, let us have the place of highest honor next to you, one of us sitting at your right and the other sitting at your left hand."

Then Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Do you think you have the power to drink the cup that I drink, or the strength to endure the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We do!"

So, Jesus said to them, "Ok. The cup I drink you will drink; and you will be baptized with the same baptism, but it is not mine to say who sits with me on my right and my left, that decision has already been made."

The other disciples overheard this conversation, and they were angry that James and John were so arrogant as to think they could ask for the highest places of honor next to Jesus.

So, Jesus called all the disciples together and said to them, "You know how it is with other people. When they think they have power or authority over someone else, they often become like tyrants, making life miserable for the person under them. But it cannot be that way among you. Whoever among you wants to be the one at the top, must actually be your servant, and whoever among you wants to be thought of the one in charge, must actually be a slave of everyone. I say that it has to be this way among you because the Son of Man did not come here to be served, but to serve - to give his life to set many others free."

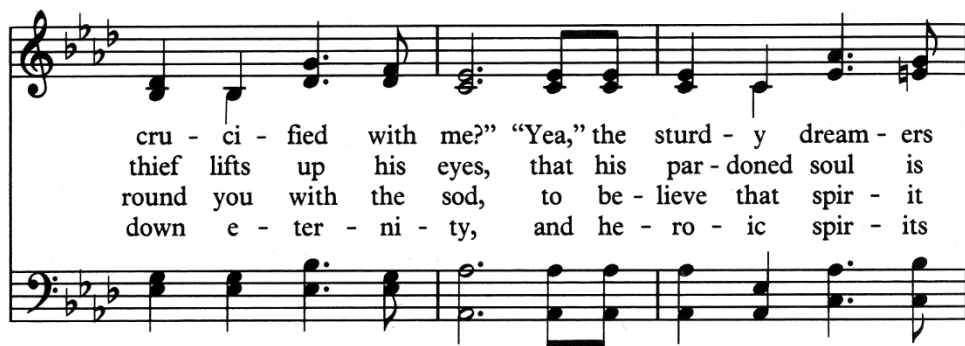
*The Gospel of the Lord!* **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

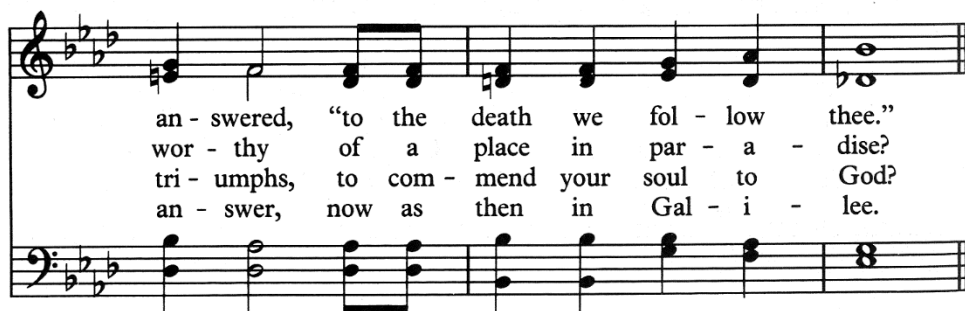
## Hymn of the Day



1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be  
2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a  
3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -  
4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis-pers



cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers  
thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is  
round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it  
down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its



an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."  
wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?  
tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?  
an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

*Refrain*

Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.

Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.

Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be

a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS of the Church & Passing of the Peace

Offering 870 vs. 1 & 3

Give through Grace's  
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1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## Offertory Prayer

*P: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Great thanksgiving

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## the 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. 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  
 now and forever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION Hymns

818, 468, 467

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas-ter, let me live.

1 A-round you, O Lord Je-sus, your own you gath-er still  
 2 We hear your in-vi-ta-tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
 3 We are your own for-ev-er; un-til our fi-nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
 your word of con-so-la-tion is spo-ken here to all.  
 we will be true and nev-er—in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov-ing-ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
 It draws us to your lov-ing heart; it brings to us your  
 de-part from you, for you are still a-mong your peo-ple

bod-y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
 bless-ing, which nev-er will de-part.  
 dwell-ing, as you have said you will.

1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
 2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
 3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them

grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
 depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
 hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er

work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
 toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
 use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

## Post Communion Prayer & Benediction

**Recessional** *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way* [tune 620]

Lord, help us walk your servant way  
 Wherever love may lead  
 And, bending low, forgetting self,  
 Each serve the other's need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,



But pow'r you laid aside.  
You lived your years in servant-hood,  
In lowliness you died.

No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow you  
And live by your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

## Postlude & Dismissal

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Altar flowers are placed in the Glory of God by Karen McClure & family in loving memory of her cousin, Michael Colon and also by Art Schroder in loving memory of Carol Schroder.



### **Sunday, October 20**

*Annual Report Committee Reports Due  
Chat with a Council Member after each  
service*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation

Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

### **Monday, October 21**

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

**Tuesday, October 22**

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. NO Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. NO Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. NO Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online only

**Wednesday, October 23**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Dining Out Club Oktoberfest (5 pm meet for drinks, 6 pm dinner starts)

**Saturday, October 26**

11:00 a.m. Repair Café

**Sunday, October 27**

*Reformation Sunday*

*Chat with a Council Member after each service*

*Thrivent hosts fellowship after each service*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

9:45 a.m. Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting



**Caring  
and  
Sharing**

Help Grace Sunday School Fill Stockings  
for Children accessing the Community  
Food Pantry in Mohegan  
Lake this Christmas!

Drop-Off at Grace  
Through Nov. 17th

Help Grace Sunday School Students fill Christmas stockings for local

children in need. Donations of NEW toothbrushes, plain chapsticks, individually wrapped snack items, crayons & coloring books are now being accepted. See the display for more information & to drop off donations.

<b>November</b>	<b>TOWN HALL</b> MEETING
<b>10</b> 12:15 p.m. <i>In person &amp; Online</i>	

<b>November</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
<b>17</b> 12:15 pm <i>In person &amp; online</i>	

