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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 13, 2023

Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

The Order of Service without Holy Communion

Prelude

Hymn - #3

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



The Confession of Sins:

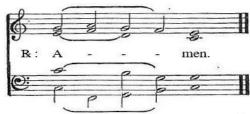
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.



Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.



Introit: Ps. 34:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 34:1
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

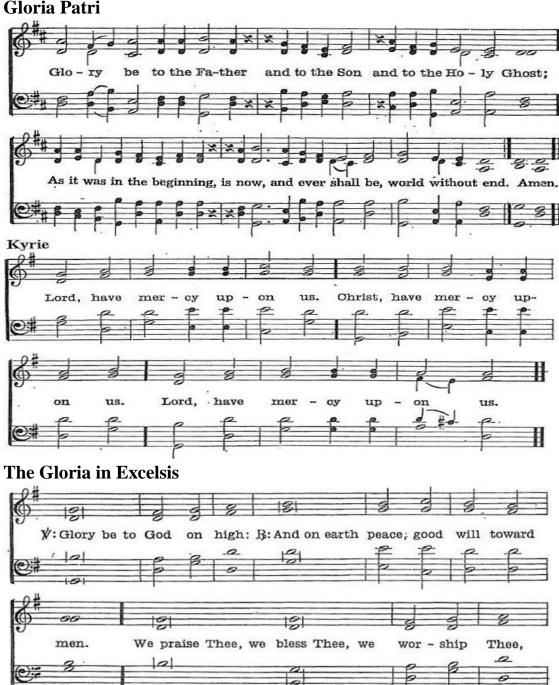
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

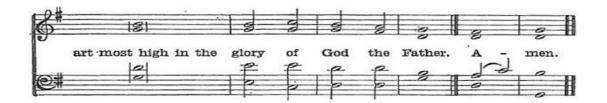
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Gloria Patri

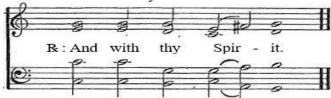






The Salutation:

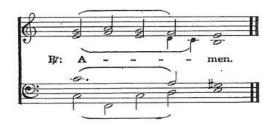
W: The Lord be with you.



Let us pray.

The Collect for The Day:

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Catechism Review - The Lord's Prayer

What is The Second Petition?

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

The Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4–18

- ⁴ [The LORD said to Job:]
 - "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 - Tell me, if you have understanding.
- ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely

you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸ "Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther.

and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴ It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this."

The Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we pro claim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from

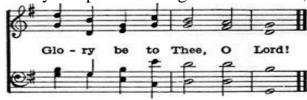
the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.



Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-22

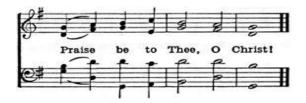
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: #381

"I Know My Faith is Founded"

Sermon: "Jesus Saves People of Little Faith" Matthew 14:29-31

- I. People of little faith
- II. Call on the Lord for help anyway.
- III. Jesus saves all who call on Him.

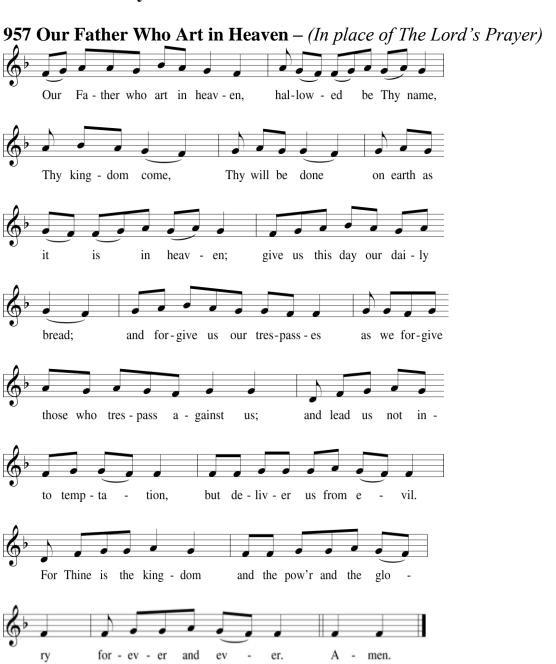
Offertory





The Offering

The General Prayer



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Hymn: #402

O God, Forsake Me Not"

The Collect for the Word / Church (stand)

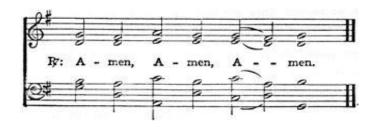


The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



Closing Hymn: #396

"Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"

Silent Prayer & Postlude

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DAILY READINGS: August 13: 1 Sam. 31:1–13; 1 Cor. 7:1–24; 14: 2 Sam. 1:1–27; 1 Cor. 7:25–40; 15: 2 Sam. 5:1–25; 1 Cor. 8:1–13; 16: 2 Sam. 6:1–19; 1 Cor. 9:1–23; 17: 2 Sam. 7:1–17; 1 Cor. 9:24–10:22; 18: 2 Sam. 7:18–29; 1 Cor. 10:23–11:16; 19: 2 Sam. 11:1–27; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

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