TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *"Entrance into the Kingdom of Rest" – Mark 10:23-31* 8:30 AM, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024



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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us. If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to make our church home yours.

- + Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- + Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- + While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- ⁺ Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 5

This Chorale Service follows the tradition of Luther's German Mass (1526), in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns (metrical paraphrases).

Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer



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Please stand.

Invocation / Opening Sentences The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,

People: God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.

Leader: When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,

People: they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.

Leader: When there was no way out for us because of our sin,

People: God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.

Confession and Absolution

Leader: Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

- People: and we see things from a limited human perspective.
- Leader: You are omniscient, knowing all;
- People: we are but mortal.
- Leader: In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.
- People: Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.
- Leader: When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,
- People: and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.
- Leader: Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.
- People: When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.
- Leader: We need rest from our enemies,
- People: from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.
- Leader: Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,
- People: for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.
- Pastor: I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?
- People: Yes, it is my sincere confession.
- Pastor: Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ≇ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- People: Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.

Sharing of the Peace The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

[tune: ST. ANNE]

Have mercy on Your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King; Renew us by Your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

- Leader: Let us pray. O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen. Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Solomon recognized that work without rest was useless and caused harm.

Reader: He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

- Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

- Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure?
- People: By guarding it according to Your word.
- Leader: With my whole heart I seek You;
- People: let me not wander from Your commandments!
- Leader: I have stored up Your word in my heart,
- People: that I might not sin against You.
- Leader: Blessèd are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!
- People: With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.
- Leader: In the way of Your testimonies I delight
- People: as much as in all riches.
- Leader: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

People: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Epistle Reading Strive by faith to enter God's rest and do not become disobedient.

Reader:

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

'They shall not enter my rest,'"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." And again in this passage he said,

Psalm 119:9–16

Hebrews 4

"They shall not enter my rest."

Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

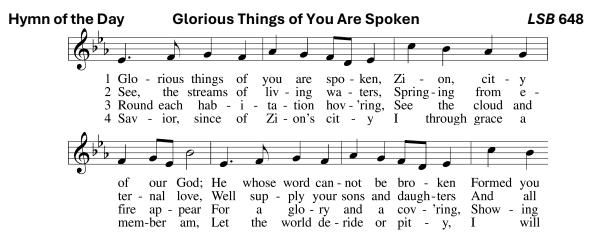
For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

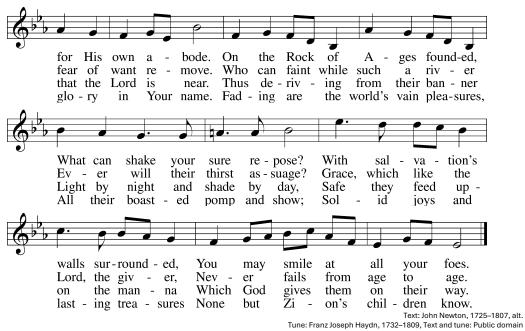
Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

Jesus warns about wealth and the difficulty a wealthy person has entering the kingdom of God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

- Pastor: Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."
- Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- People: Praise to You, O Christ. Please be seated.

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| Sermon | "Entrance into the Kingdom of Rest" | Mark 10:23-31 |
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| Stand. | | |
| E | In We All Believe in One True God Ve all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host; All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds. | <i>LSB</i> 953 |
| V | Ve all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, Vho descended from His throne And for us salvation won; By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery. | |
| V | Ve all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds, Vho sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs. Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee! | Text (sts. 1–3) and Music: Public domain |

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, according to Your will,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Pastor: Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.
- People: Amen.

Be seated after the prayers.

Offering During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.

We believe that...

- Holv Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself. †
- † We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."
- [†] We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion. What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

+ Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.

Stand



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

People: 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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

- Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given Pastor: thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Sanctus

[tune: ENGELBERG]

Sing holy, holy, holy God above. With heav'n and earth sing of His gracious love. Let heaven's heights resound: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Pax Domini

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

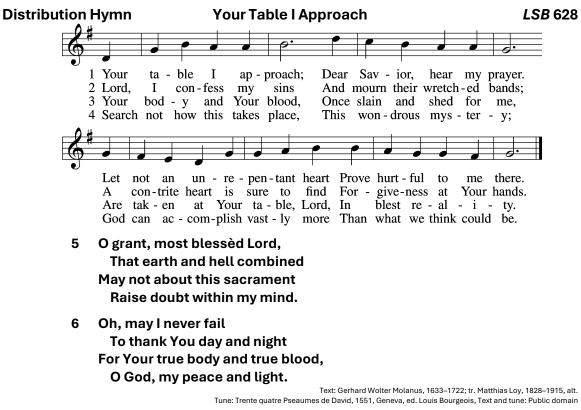
Agnus Dei

[tune: ENGELBERG]

Unto God's Lamb we ask for mercy now. You died for us but live, grace to endow. Grant mercy, Lord, and peace: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Distribution Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.



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[tune: ENGELBERG]

Post-Communion Hymn

Stand

We now depart in peace and holy joy. God's promises Christ kept without alloy. With sins forgiven sing Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

- People: Thanks be to God.
- Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- People: Amen.





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Silent Prayer

Postlude

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| Readings for next Sunday, 10/27, Reformation (observed) | | |
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| Revelation 14:6–7 | | |
| Psalm 46 | | |
| Romans 3:19–28 | | |
| John 8:31–36 | | |