

# CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

11<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2024, 9AM

## 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### AS WE GATHER - WONDROUS WORKS AND WAYS

An interesting list of seven publicized in recent years is that of "The Seven Natural Wonders of the World." Six of these wonderful parts of God's amazing creation are specific to a certain location: Mount Everest in Nepal, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, the Harbor of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Victoria Falls between Zambia and Zimbabwe, Mount Paricutin in Mexico, and the Grand Canyon in the United States. The seventh natural wonder on the list is the aurora borealis (or northern lights), which can be seen in many countries in the northern hemisphere of the globe, including Canada, Russia, Iceland, Norway, and the United States. Whether we live near any of these seven special natural wonders or not, the beauty of God's handiwork surrounds us in every place. Many centuries ago, the inspired psalmist wrote, "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2). From colorful rainbows to delicate snowflakes to lofty mountain peaks, "full of splendor and majesty is His work" (Psalm 111:3a). May we be inspired by it as well!

#### + PREPARATION +

## 814 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un-thank-ful - ness And with - out prais - es die! 'Tis He that heals thy sick-ness - es And makes thee young a - gain. He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

- 5 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff'rers rest.
  The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th'oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known, But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

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## **INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 92:1-5; 93:2, 5

- P It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
- P For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.
- How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!
- P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.
- **Q** Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.
- P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +



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## **SALUTATION**

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

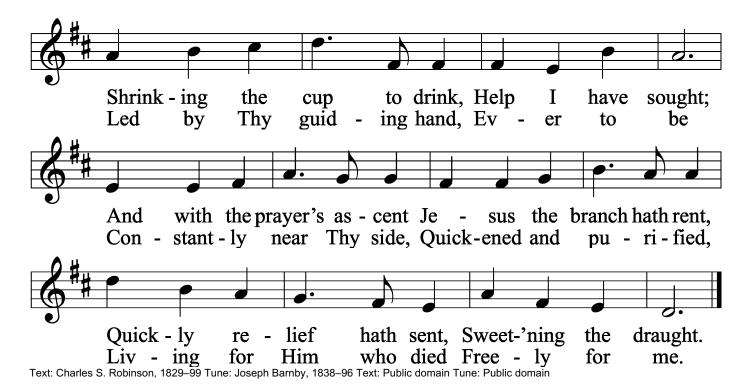
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Exodus 16:2-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning, dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

**I** This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." 9(In "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

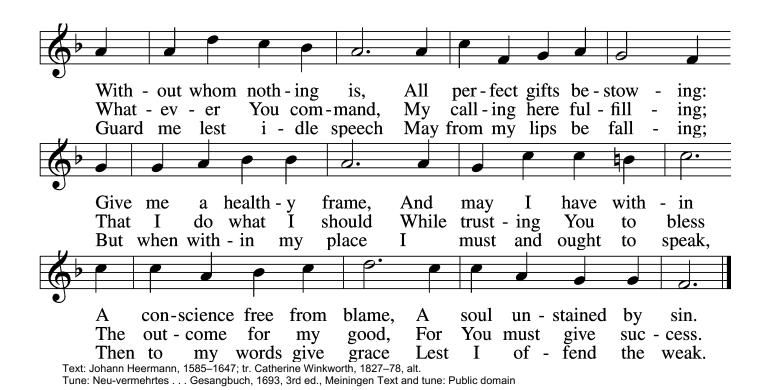
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

696 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD

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- God, God, my faith - ful True foun-tain ev - er flow 1 O
- With read y 2 Grant me the strength to do heart and will ing
- say ing lat - er need 3 Keep me from words That re - call



HOLY GOSPEL John 6:22–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

## Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.



## **SERMON**

CATECHISM The Third Article

- P We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- P What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

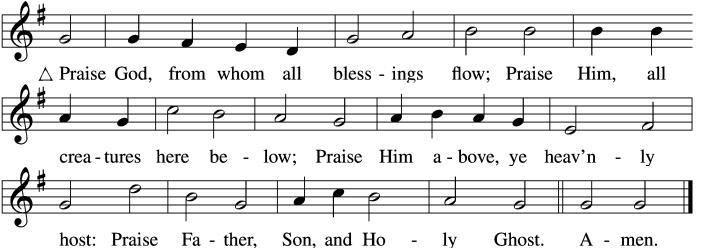
On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

**OFFERING & VIDEO** (At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

**LWML NOISY MITE OFFERING** (This offering of loose change that is taken, is to support the Mission Grants for LWML both National & District. If you would like to participate, please place your loose change or bills in the bucket as it comes around. Please see the screen for what is highlighted this month. If you would like to know more about these grants, please go to these websites – www.lwml.org and www.midsouthlwml.org)

# OFFERTORY:805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- I Gracious heavenly Father, as You provided for the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness to the land You had promised, give us confidence to trust in You and to look to Your hand to provide all we need for this life and for the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

L Holy One, Your Son gives us the Office of the Ministry, that Your people might be equipped to serve and be built up into His one Body. Remember in Your compassion all who speak Your Word. Give them faithfulness and honesty in their teaching, that Your children would be freed from all deceit to speak Your truth to one another in love, growing up in every way into Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **©** hear our prayer.

L O Lord, grant us true unity in the faith. Preserve us in pure doctrine; grant harmony in our congregation, district and Synod; and bestow on us charitable hearts that put the best construction on what we see and hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

L God and Father of all, enable us to walk in humility, gentleness and patience, that we would bear with one another in love and be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

L Mighty One, You establish civil government to be a blessing. To Your mercy, then, we commend our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way. Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

L Show Your mercy to the sick and hospitalized. Provide doctors, nurses and other medical professionals to care for those who need health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

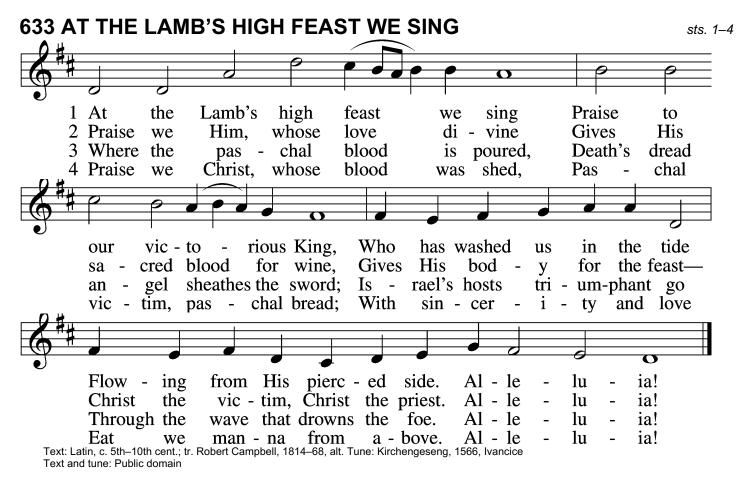
## C hear our prayer.

Loving Father, You provided manna for Your ancient people to sustain them in the wilderness. By Your grace, You provide the living bread from heaven: the very body of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, that endures to eternal life. Help us to approach Your table with thankful and contrite hearts, that we might receive Your Son's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

Lord, we come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know, in You, that which is eternal. Give us confidence in the suffering and death of Christ, that we may rejoice that You are with us always and await His joyous appearing with all the saints; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.



## + SACRAMENT +

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

**©** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are 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. We thank You for the blessings of forgiveness and renewed life that come to us daily. Send us Your Holy Spirit. Bless us this day so that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy that we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

C Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

## GOODNESS OF GOD (video)

I love You, Lord, For Your mercy never fails me All my days, I've been held in Your hands From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend And I have lived in the goodness of God (yeah)

'Cause all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I surrendered now, I give You everything, Oh Lord Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me Your goodness is running after, It's running after me With my life laid down, I surrendered now, I give You everything Your goodness is running after, It running after me

And all my life You have been faithful And all my life You have been so, so good With every breath that I am able Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God I'm gonna sing

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God (repeat line 2 more times)

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## FIRM FOUNDATION (He Won't)

Cody Carnes

Christ is my firm foundation, The Rock on which I stand. When everything around me is shaking, I've never been more glad That I put my faith in Jesus. 'Cause He's never let me down. He's faithful through generations. So why would He fail now?

He won't! He won't!

I've still got joy in chaos. I've got peace that makes no sense. So I won't be going under. I'm not held by my own strength. 'Cause I've built my life on Jesus. He's never let me down. He's faithful in every season. So why would He fail now?

He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail!

Rain came, wind blew, My house was built on You. I'm safe with You. I'm going to make it through.

Oh, Rain came, wind blew, My house was built on You. And I'm safe with You. I'm going to make it through.

Yeah, I'm going to make it through 'Cause my house is built on You

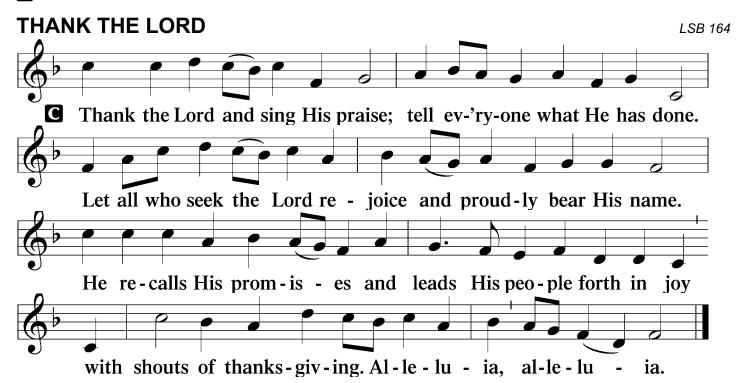
Christ is my firm foundation, The Rock on which I stand. When everything around me is shaking, I've never been more glad That I put my faith in Jesus. 'Cause He's never let me down. He's faithful through generations. So why would He fail now?

He won't! He won't! He won't fail! He won't fail! He won't.

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#### POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



## BENEDICTION

- P 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.
- C Amen.

## GO OUT TO ALL THE WORLD (video)

Go out, go out To all the world And tell the Good News, Tell the Good, Good News! (Sing above 3 more times)

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, All you Nations; Glorify Him, Glorify Him, You peoples!

Go out, go out To all the world And tell the Good News, Tell the Good, Good News! (Repeat this section once)

Steadfast, Steadfast is His kindness toward us, And the faithfulness Of the Lord endures!

Go out, go out To all the world And tell the Good News, Tell the Good, Good News! (Repeat section 4 more times)

Go out, go out To all the world And tell the Good News, Tell the Good News, Tell the Good, Good News!

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### **CLOSING PEACE**

P Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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