

# Worship in the Home

## Sunday after Pentecost



***“Come...Be a Part of Peace!”***

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*In this time of world-wide crisis, we are not able to gather for worship as the body of Christ. While we cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Use this resource as an aid for prayer in the home. As with our prayers in the gathered assembly for worship.*



*Set out and light a candle and you may wish to have a bowl of water as a reminder of your baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel, sit or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**Amen.**

## DEVOTIONAL MUSIC

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### Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to - you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## KYRIE

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.***



*For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.***

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.***

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



### **FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90:12-17**



<sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?  
Be gracious | to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

**<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us  
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your ser- | vants your works,  
and your splendor | to their children.

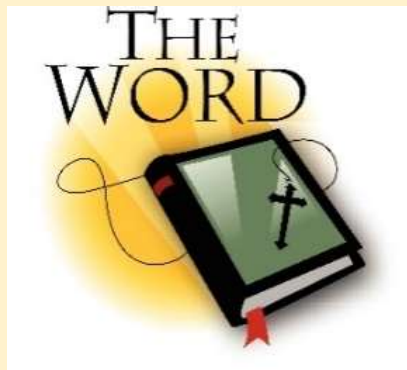
**<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31**

The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**





## SERMON—Pastor Ida Iverson

### “IT REALLY IS NOTHING THAT YOU HAVE TO DO”

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Another week with a difficult gospel lesson, especially for those of us who in the worldwide view are considered wealthy, whether we think we are or not. Yet, I am not sure that this lesson is totally about how much a person has or does not have, but our attitude of how we think we can have control or that there is something we *must* do to receive an inheritance. After all that was the question that the man asked Jesus, “***What must I do to inherit eternal life?***”

Number one problem with that question is that no one can control what they inherit. An inheritance is a gift given usually out of love from one person to another person following their death. In today’s world unless a person has a will or trust set up, it can become a very messy and long process for the person or persons who feel they should be the recipient of an inheritance.

The number two problem that I see in this is that we look for a formula that we can or must follow to control the outcome that we want to see happen. The man was looking for *the* formula. Jesus comes back at him with the expected directive to follow the commandments. The man’s answer is that he had done that, since he was young. Then Jesus upped the anti on him and told him to sell all of his positions, give the proceeds to the poor and come and follow him. Could we say that became the man’s stumbling block? You could almost hear him saying, “But if I sell all my positions and give away the proceeds to the poor, don’t I become one of the poor?”

What Jesus is saying does not only sound harsh to the man he is talking to, but I would say to you and me too. Sell all my positions and live on what? Faith that I will receive all that I need and trust it will be provided? That is not

going to happen, Jesus, I watch the news, I drive around town, I see the homeless people, that is not the life for me.

When the man went away grieving, I have often wondered if it was because he had not received the game plan on what he must do to inherit eternal life, or was it because he was going to have to go and sell all that he had? The sad answer is that either way he did not get what Jesus was trying to tell him, and neither did the disciples until he explained it to them. It is not about what we *must* do but all about what God has already done. For you and me, it is impossible, but for God nothing is impossible.

Whether we use the words in this lesson, ***“For God all things are possible”*** or the ones from Luke where Mary answers the angel Gabriel, ***“For nothing will be impossible with God.”***, as any of you who have been around here for a while know that has been my go-to verse for years.

When things do not go the way we want them to go, or heaven forbid there is an emergency, you have to just drop everything and do what you need to do in that moment. It is later when you reflect on it that you realize that you were not alone, but you had the tools that were needed to do what you needed to do. Could it be that Jesus was trying to tell the man and his disciples you already have what you need for eternal life and there is nothing you can do to inherit it. It is a gift from God.

It is what I call the “ah-ha moment”, when we realize that there is no debit or credit card that is going to buy our way into eternal life, Jesus has already taken care of it for each one of us...for the world. We are not to think of our baptism as a once and done event, but it truly is the only thing in our lives that has a lifetime guarantee that we live out daily. Jesus blessed and broke bread, filled the cup and gave thanks and said take eat and drink, for this is my body and blood, given and shed for you for forgiveness of sin and do this in remembrance of me. You might say it is our early inheritance, until we receive our final inheritance of eternal life. No, with Jesus there is nothing we must do, but there are many things we get to do. Amen.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Click the following link for audio presentation -

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## We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

# The 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 sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep the workers safe.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We ask you to especially guard and keep these we name before you either silently or aloud: Alex Wessel, Willard Doty, Barbara Manning, Bill Galgan & Family, Mike, Amanda Williams, Michele Pester, John Meisburg, Milton Wilfred, Marsha Woleshin, Baby William, Donna Cormier, Clay Chaffee, Lucy Creel, Carey Blair, Faye, Sam Mandrick, the premature twin granddaughters of Linda Pesante, all those who serve in the military, and for those under care for the Covid virus

We give thanks for all the prayers you have answered by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of life, it is with joy we celebrate the birthday's of Robert Herum, and Linda Pesante this week.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)**

*Let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
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.**



## **BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, + one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and  
forever.

**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN

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## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Music: attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820  
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CHESTERFIELD  
C.M.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Readings of the Week:**

**Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

**Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 53:4-12, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

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# IN NEED OF PRAYER

*We give thanks to you, O Lord, for all the prayers you have heard and answered and the peace you have given, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## Osprey Village

Jane Cotner - Room 3106

## Savannah Grand

Jo Kruer - Room 332

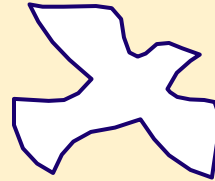
Mary Jordan- Memory Care Unit

## At Home

Emmy Lou Sorum / Michele Pester / Clay Chaffee / Dorothy Schwager / Orv Lind /

Lucy Creel / Blake Carter / Allan Johnson / Carey Blair / Marsha Woleshin /

Donna Cormier / Sam Mandrick



Luke Ellison, Army National Guard, Syria (nephew of Mark & Susan Foutz)

Lt. Commander Tim Cassel, Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. (grandson of Glen & Norma Beyer)

Lt. J.G. Eric Strommel, Kings Bay, Subbase, GA

### **Components of an Effective Prayer**

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| <b>“A”</b> | ADORATION    | Worship of God, first for who He is, Second for all His benefits                               |
| <b>“C”</b> | CONFESSION   | If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from unrighteousness |
| <b>“T”</b> | THANKSGIVING | Gratitude to GOD for His blessings   |
| <b>“S”</b> | SUPPLICATION | Expressing our petitions to GOD for individual and specific needs and desires                  |

### **Keeping Our Prayer List Up to Date ...**

*Call our Church Office to add friends and family to our prayer list.  
We often can all use as many prayers as we can get.*