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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus Is Our Certainty

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory*..... CW # 523

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail his ways. From our fears that long have bound us,
 your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom;
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom;
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing you whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Confession and Absolution

L: *(rise)* The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We pray. Blessed Jesus, at your Word we are gathered all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek, love, and fear you.

C: By your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.

L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than all my enemies,

C: For your words are always with me.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: So that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

L: Yet so often we have despised your Word, O Lord, and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow and humbly ask you to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

L: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN!

Prayer of the Day

L: O Lord, your Word is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. Guide our footsteps by your Word so that we may remain steadfast in faith, may love you with all our hearts, and love our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN! *(seated)*

First Lesson:

1 Kings 3:5-13

L: ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” ⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ “Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.

⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

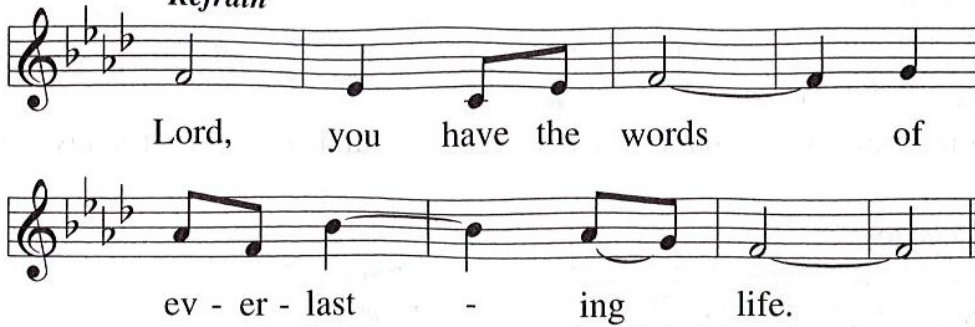
¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings.

(The Word of our God)

Psalm 119b.

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Refrain



Psalm tone



Teach me, O LORD, to follow ^úyour decrees;*
then I will keep them ^óto the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with ^áall my heart.

Direct me in the path of ^úyour commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from ^úworthless things;*
preserve my life according ^óto your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your ^éservant,*
so that you ^ímay be feared.

How I long for your ^úprecepts!*
Preserve my life in your ^úrighteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and ^óto the Son*
and to the Holy ^úSpirit,
as it was in the ^úbeginning,*
is now, and will be forever. ^Ámen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Romans 8:28-30

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing..... CW # 421 Stz 1-4

1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing

grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er — As God wills, so

not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er — I to him com - mit my way.

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

L: ⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. They replied,

C: “Yes,”

L: ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: Jesus, Lead Us On CW # 422

1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won; And al -
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp -
 4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly

though the way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and
 faith - less fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for -
 ta - tions come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en -
 Lead - er, still di - rect us; Still sup - port, con - sole, pro -

fear - less. Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
 sake us, For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
 dur - ing; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 tect us Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

Sermon:

Romans 8:28ff

Jesus Is Our Certainty, In Uncertain Times



Apostles' Creed: *(Rise) (together we confess)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayer of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Hymn: *All Depends on Our Possessing*..... CW # 421 Stz 5

5 If on earth my days He leng-then, He my wea-ry
soul will streng-then; All my trust in Him I place.
Earth-ly wealth is not a-bi-ding, Like a stream a-
Way is gli-ding; Safe I an-chor in His grace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '5' indicating the start of the fifth stanza. The lyrics are: '5 If on earth my days He leng-then, He my wea-ry soul will streng-then; All my trust in Him I place. Earth-ly wealth is not a-bi-ding, Like a stream a-Way is gli-ding; Safe I an-chor in His grace.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and some moving lines.