



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AND THE
INSTALLATION OF VICAR ARIC REIM

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.

Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Headsets are available in the entryway.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 8.

OUR OFFERING / CHURCH CENTER

We're transitioning to Church Center as our hub for giving and communication. Scan the QR code to get started.

If you previously used Pushpay, please cancel recurring gifts there.



Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word!

Theme of the Day: Christians Answer Doubt with Faith

Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always lingering in the back of our mind, constantly asking the serpent's garden question, "Did God really say?"

It is not uncommon that, in times of adversity, doubt rears its ugly head—doubts about God's care, God's promises, God's providence. In those times, the true answer to doubt is not found in some great miracle that removes adversity, but in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering to us in his Word. Through that Word Christ reaches out to us with nail-scarred hands, proof of his great love. Jesus gently says, "Why did you doubt?" Our faith is restored.

The Christian answers doubt with faith because Jesus makes it so.

A personal prayer before worship

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray that You would open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

HYMN 844 What God Ordains Is Always Good

INVOCATION

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

The Lord answers Elijah's doubt with the gentle whisper of a gracious promise.

There he went into a cave and spent the night.

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his

face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

15The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16Also, anoint Jehu

son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 73B Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

The congregation sings the psalm in unison.

The Church sings Psalm 73 in services that encourage us to persevere in faith through the challenges of life.

Refrain



Tone



I am always / with you;
you hold me by my / right hand.
You guide me with your / counsel,
and afterward you will take me into / glory.
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.

**My flesh and my / heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-39

In all times, good or bad, God carries out his perfect plan for his glory and our salvation.

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. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to

life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

ANTHEM His Robes for Mine

*His robes for mine: O wonderful
exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ
suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died.*

*I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my
own. My praise—my all—shall be for
Christ alone.*

*His robes for mine: what cause have I for
dread? God's daunting law Christ
mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand with righteous works not*

*mine, saved by my Lord's vicarious death
and life. (Refrain)*

*His robes for mine: God's justice is
appeased. Jesus is crushed, and thus the
Father's pleased. Christ drank God's
wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won.
(Refrain)*

*His robes for mine: such anguish none can
know. Christ, God's beloved, condemned
as though his foe. He, as though I,
accursed and left alone;
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed
home!*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

In the account of Peter walking on water, we see how quickly doubts arise, and how graciously Jesus answers them.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY | 847 Be Still, My Soul

SERMON

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, our God, we ask You to grant us

Your Holy Spirit and faith from above, that

we may trust in Your ways and Your Word amid the stormy seas of this mortal life and be safely delivered from all danger onto the eternal shores of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Special intercessions may be inserted here.

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Make us life-long students of your precious Word. Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. **Amen.**

OFFERING



Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

The Installation of Vicar Aric Reim

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast

with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written on eight staves in treble clef. The first staff contains a short melodic phrase. The second and third staves form the first line of the hymn: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth and fifth staves form the second line, which is identical to the first. The sixth and seventh staves form the third line: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace." The eighth staff concludes with "A - men. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 984 A Vicious Storm, A Raging Sea



1 A vi - cious storm, a rag - ing sea, a Sav - ior sleep - ing
2 A brief com - mand, all dan - gers pass—the lake be - comes a
3 The one whom wind and waves o - bey could clear - ly see the
4 Raised from the dead to end sin's curse, his pres - ence fills the



peace - ful - ly— their rac - ing hearts would not slow down: “Do
sheet of glass! Who is this man from Gal - i - lee who
com - ing day when he be - neath God's wrath would fall, when
u - ni - verse. The pow'r which he once set a - side he



you not care if we should drown!” I know that feel - ing
with a word can calm the sea? He is, by God's e -
he would bleed and die for all. Dis - miss - ing all his
now em - ploys, all - glo - ri - fied, to help his Church to



far too well— the fear of harm or death or hell.
ter - nal plan, the one who is both God and man.
pow'r di - vine, Christ Je - sus gave his life for mine.
per - se - vere, to drive a - way my fool - ish fear.

**5 A boat, a storm, adrift again,
they marshaled all their strength in vain.
They saw the Lord; “A ghost!” they
cried,
and, sinking fast, one almost died.
But he who walked out on the sea
saved them from great catastrophe.**

**6 Lord Jesus Christ, when storms arise
on you alone I'll fix my eyes.
Through Word and water, bread and
wine,
I hear you saying, “You are mine!”
Your promises are strong to quell
all fear of harm and death and hell.**

HYMN 549 Across the Lands

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your ☩ sins are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN We Bid You Welcome in the Name



1 We bid you wel - come in the name Of Je - sus,
2 Come as a shep - herd; guard and keep This fold from
3 Come as a teach - er sent from God With his whole
4 Come as a mes - sen - ger of peace, Filled with the



our ex - alt - ed head. Come as a ser - vant—
hell and world and sin. Nour - ish the lambs and
coun - sel to de - clare. Our souls en - cour - age
Spir - it, fired with love. God bless your work, your



so he came— We shall re - ceive you in his stead.
feed the sheep; The wound - ed heal; the lost bring in.
with the Word, While we up - hold your hands with prayer.
strength in - crease, And guide us all to heav'n a - bove.



We thank our Lord for Neil Woller and his gifts, used to adorn our worship with music this morning!

“Truly You Are the Son of God”

Jesus walked on water to His disciples

and they saw Him for who He really is:
Jesus Christ, the Almighty Son of God.

He was with them.

And He is with us.

St. Patrick's famous prayer is a beautiful reminder
of the all-encompassing presence of Christ:

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise. Amen.*