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23rd Sunday of Pentecost

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# Content IN CHRIST



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## PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

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“Then He said to His disciples, “Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. Life is more than food and the body is more than clothing.” (Luke 12:22-23)

“Set your mind on things above; not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:2-4)

We welcome all in the name of Jesus.

We are gathered here this morning for several reasons. One of these is to acknowledge our greatest need in life: The grace and blessing of the God of heaven. Let us approach Him with the humility that is fitting for those who can be nothing and do nothing at all without Him. Let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer and song to the grace of our God and His abundant mercy which accompanies us each day we live and breathe in His world. May He open our hearts to receive His words for our everlasting joy!

## Order of Divine Worship

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**Hymn: TLH #44 “Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise”**

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

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**P** There is no difference;

**C** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**P** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness.

**C** According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** And cleanse me from my sin.

**P** For I acknowledge my transgressions,

**C** And my sin is always before me. . . .

**P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**C** And in sin my mother conceived me. . . .

**P** Hide Your face from my sins,

**C** And blot out all my iniquities.

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**P** Do not cast me away from Your presence,

**C** And do not take Your Holy Spirit from Me.

**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**C** And uphold me by Your free Spirit.

**A** For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**P** Therefore, on the basis of your confession, and on account of our Savior, Jesus, Christ, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.,

**C** Amen.

### INTROIT

*Psalm 121:1-2,5,7-8*

**P** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

**C** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**P** My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**C** The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**P** The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**C** The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal parts (Soprano and Alto), and the last two are for the piano accompaniment (Right and Left Hand). The music is in 4/4 time and features a mix of treble and bass clefs. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

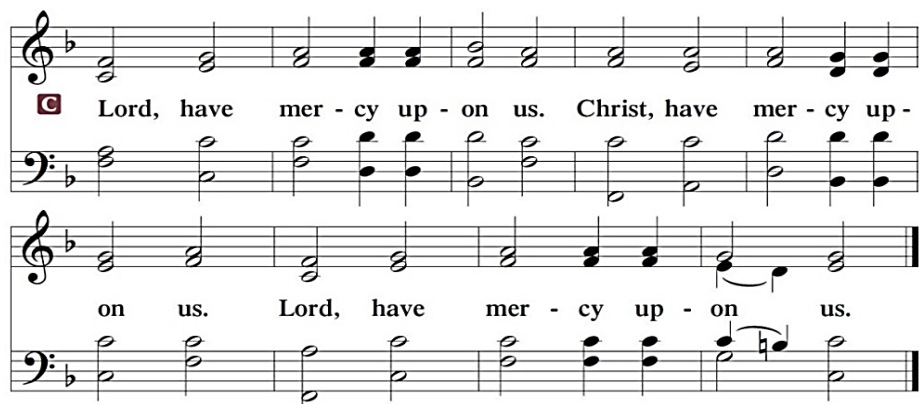
**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Luke 21:28b*

Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.



## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C** *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Almighty God, Heavenly Father, You feed the birds and clothe the flowers, and You care for us as a Father cares for his children. We pray that You would graciously guard us against all anxiety and distrust, and vain over-carefulness. Help us through Your Holy Spirit to focus our attention on living to keep Your name holy, and to help Your kingdom come, and to do Your will, so that we may cast all other care upon You and in unwavering faith, trust in Your promises alone, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Chronicles 13:4-18** Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, “Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5 Should you not know that the Lord God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord. 7 Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them. 8 And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the Lord, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods. 9 Have you not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of other lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest

of things that are not gods? 10 But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the Lord are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties. 11 And they burn to the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of the Lord our God, but you have forsaken Him. 12 Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!" 13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them. 14 And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to the Lord, and the priests sounded the trumpets. 15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. 17 Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain. 18 Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the Lord God of their fathers.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING – John 6:22-27** On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone— 23 however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— 24 when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?" 26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The 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.

**Hymn: TLH #423**

**“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”**

**SERMON – 1 Timothy 6:6-8** Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

## THE CONTENT OF CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT

### OFFERTORY

- ☞ **♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn: WS #789**

**“Consider How the Birds Above”**

### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING: TLH #442:2**

**“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”**

- ☞ **♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

### PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- ☞ **The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.**

 Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: WS #779**

**“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”**

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Last Week:** WH – 42    **Total Offering** = \$2715.44

General = \$2381.25 | Property Improvement = \$150.00 | Missions = \$50.00

- ✝ **Nov. 13** 8am Orlando service  
10:15 am WH
- ✝ **Nov. 20** 10:15am WH service
- ✝ **Nov. 24** 10:15am Thanksgiving  
Service WH
- ✝ **Nov. 26 10am** Christmas  
decorating at church
- ✝ **Nov. 27** 8am Orlando service  
10:15 am WH
- ✝ **Nov. 30** Special Wednesday  
Advent Service at 2:00 pm
- ✝ **Dec. 2** Havendale Christmas  
Parade
- ✝ **Dec. 4** 9:15am Bible Class  
10:15am Communion Service  
Christmas Cookie fellowship  
after church with Church  
Council and Trustee meetings

**Pointsettia** There is a poinsettia list in the back of church. If you would like to donate money for a poinsettia “In Memory Only,” please sign the list and pay Teresa \$10.

**Thanksgiving Service** Thursday, November 24 we will be having our Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:15 am. Come praise and thank the Lord for all the spiritual and physical blessings He has given to us.

**Christmas Decorating** Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 am we will be decorating the church in preparation for Advent which begins November 27. We will be

decorating the tree, the church, and putting up the Nativity scene.

**Cleaner (11/19):** Naumann | **Acolyte (11/20):** Maxwell Kuehne

### **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Nov. 14 – Nov. 19, ‘22**

**Mon Luke 21:5-9** Jesus does not give the requested “sign” for the end of the temple, warns against false hopes in human structures or false Christs. A wondrous building, like the temple of Herod was over eighty years in the building and destroyed less than ten years after it was finished. Similarly would false saviors and other upheavals come and go, but these would not reveal the date of judgment day.

**Tues Luke 21:10-19** While much sounds fearful in those times before the day, Jesus reminds us that this will be an opportunity to witness (v13) and that He is still the King, giving words and wisdom. Even being put to death cannot end the life which He has given us.

**Wed 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10** The patience and faith of the Thessalonians under persecution is evidence of their membership in the kingdom of God. But God will vindicate them and, contrary to present appearances, it is God's enemies who will be removed from the presence of the Lord, and His believers who will be glorified in His presence.

**Thurs Malachi 4:1-6** After graphically describing the different outcomes for the righteous and the unrighteous, the prophet looks forward to the coming of the LORD our righteousness (cpJer23:6), after the way is prepared before Him by John the Baptist ("Elijah who is to come" Mt11:13-15).

**Fri 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** In view of Christ's glorious return, some concluded that this life didn't really matter, so they quit their jobs and waited for Judgment Day. However, this resulted in their becoming leeches and busybodies. Paul urges them to join the rest in working quietly and not growing weary in doing good.

**Sat Psalm 98** Praise God for his salvation, righteousness, love, and faithfulness (v1-3). Praise Him with joyful voices and instruments, melodious, tender, and strong (v4-6). Let the whole earth praise Him when He comes to judge the world with righteousness and equity (v7-9). "And heaven and nature sing..."

### **Worry Is Worthless!**

Worry is useless! It can't take away our pain or correct our mistakes. It can't prolong life or add a penny to our income. Worry robs us of our energy. It hurts our health and makes others miserable. Worst of all, worry is sinful because it leaves God out!

The word "sabotage" is from the French word sabot, which is a wooden shoe. Unhappy French workers would sometimes throw a wooden shoe into a machine to jam it up. Worry is like a wooden shoe that Satan hurls into our lives in order to cause us to doubt God's existence, His love, and His power to save us.

The only sure cure for worry is to know the God of heaven as our kind, loving and forgiving Father. And the only way to know God the Father is to know Him through His Son, our Savior. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes unto the Father, but by Me." (John 14:6) In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus promises to all His believing disciples, "Do not worry, saying what shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" Or "What shall we wear?". . . For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."

To the worrier Paul writes in Romans 8:32: "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not along with Him also freely give us all things?" Don't worry. Trust in Jesus! You will live longer and better . . . forever!