



## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

**AS WE GATHER:** Who knew that when 2020 arrived, it would be the year that it has been? Who could have seen it? In our new sermon series, “2020 Vision,” we will focus clearly on the core values of our church and school, namely, Worship, Christian Education, Missions, Stewardship, Biblical Truth, and Christian Service. Sometimes these things can become blurry, out of focus, and misunderstood. Join us as we put on our “Biblical eyeglasses” and clearly see what we, as God’s people, are to be doing as the Body of Christ in this world.

**PRELUDE**                    *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*  
*Amelia Sitzberger, trombone*

### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN #864**                    *“Shepherd of Tender Youth”*

Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
    Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
    To join Your praise.

You are the holy Lord,  
O all-subduing Word,  
    Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin’s deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
    And give us life.

You are the great High Priest;  
You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.

O ever be our guide,  
Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.

So now, and till we die,  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times;  
People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
People: Let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
People: And let us exalt His name together!

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;  
People: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Pastor: Keep your tongue from evil  
People: And your lips from speaking deceit.

Pastor: Turn away from evil and do good;  
People: Seek peace and pursue it.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!  
People: Blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him!

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness.  
People: 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.

Pastor: 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE     *“First Song of Isaiah”*     (Jack Noble White)  
Soloist: Madison Sitzman

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

Make His deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that His Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

**Refrain:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the Great One in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Refrain:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
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#### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus Christ, You have entrusted to Your people the task of teaching all nations. Enlighten with the wisdom of Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn that the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
**People:** Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Proverbs 22:6

*Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*"Let the Little Children Come"*

Miss Heidi

**SECOND READING**

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

*“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:13-16

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**2020 Vision: Christian Education**

**Pastor Jeff Schubert**

**HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)**

#862

*“Oh, Blest the House”*

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His—  
How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still  
And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
Unto their children's foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost.  
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children's lives is shown  
How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today  
A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word,  
I and my house will serve the Lord!

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty. From thence 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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD**

*"Beautiful Savior"*

*Amelia Sitzberger, trombone*

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Dear heavenly Father, You desire that all people  
are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.  
Send out messengers and missionaries to every  
corner of the earth that people from every tribe,  
nation, and language would hear the saving mercy  
of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send Your mercy to all who are struggling financially, the homeless, the poor, the unemployed, the underemployed, and those dealing with unexpected situations. Lead them through this challenging road and provide people and systems to help them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, You sent Your Son to be the mediator between God and humanity. Grant us peace and reconciliation in our homes, our congregation, our community, our country, and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #895

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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