



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 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

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

#848

*“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”*

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy’s perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Ev’ry gift that You impart.
  
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.

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#### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 100

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

**Pastor:** Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His.

**People:** **We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

**Pastor:** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**People:** **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

**Pastor:** For the LORD is good;

**People:** **His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins unto God and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

**People:** I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and for the Holy Spirit so that I may amend my sinful life.

**Pastor:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

#### SALUTATION

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

*"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, <sup>8</sup>but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup>Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin. <sup>10</sup>You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you*

*undertake. <sup>11</sup>For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'*

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

#### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Peter 4:7-11

*The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup>whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Lector: 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**

John 15:12-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the  
fifteenth chapter.  
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **VIDEO**

**"What is Service?"**

**SERMON**

**“2020 Vision: Service”  
Pastor Adam Wolfe**

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

#857

*“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”*

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

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**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

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that we sinners come to You in faith so that we may share in Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: We share in Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at Divine Redeemer and Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: We share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.**

Pastor: Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority and in leadership over us. Bless this land in which we live. Grant that all those who govern us do so diligently. Grant that all those who enforce our laws do so wisely. Grant that all those who serve us do so wholeheartedly. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: We share in Christ, upon whose shoulders our government rests.**

Pastor: Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, or spiritually. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: We share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: 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 *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
We go in Jesus' name  
To bring-- glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn  
And set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream  
And help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seed  
And all our days to cherish life,  
To do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace,  
The Gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has-- empowered us;  
We go in Jesus' name.

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