

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

21st Sunday After Pentecost
Witness Sunday

October 17, 2021

WE PRAY: Gracious Lord, on this Witness Sunday, we remember Your rescuing work in us on the day of our baptism, and we again confirm and witness our faith in the new, spiritually prosperous life that You have granted us through Your death and resurrection. Through the hearing of the Word this day, strengthen our faith, that we would resist pursuing prosperity by paths of our own design, and instead, trust that You have done everything to guarantee our lasting, spiritual prosperity today, tomorrow and forever. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Service)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

HYL 31

Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,

And their sorrows all He knoweth.

- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
 God His children ne'er forsaketh;
 His the loving purpose solely
 To preserve them pure and holy.

WITNESS SUNDAY ESSAY

“God’s Word”

Will Scott

THE ORDER OF MATINS

TLH p. 32ff

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

A: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Hallelujah.**

P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:

C: For He is our Maker.

A: 1. Oh, come, let us sing – unto the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of – our sal- va- tion.

2. Let us come before His presence with thanks – giv- ing:
And make a joyful – noise unto Him with psalms.

3. For the Lord is a – great God.

And a great – King a- bove all gods.

4. In His hand are the deep places – of the earth.

The strength of the hills is – His al- so.

5. The sea is His, and He – made it:

And His hands – form- ed the dry land.

6. Oh, come, let us worship and – bow down:

Let us kneel before the – Lord, our Mak- er.

7. For He – is our God:

And we are the people of His pasture and the – sheep of
His hand.

Glory be to the Father and – to the Son:

**And – to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and – ever shall be,
world – with-out end. A-men.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 430 vv1,2,4,8

What Is the World to Me

- 1** What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
 When Thou, and Thou alone,
 Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
 Thou only, dearest Lord,
 My soul's Delight shalt be;
 Thou art my Peace, my Rest--
 What is the world to me!

- 2** The world is like a cloud
 And like a vapor fleeting,
 A shadow that declines,
 Swift to its end retreating.
 My Jesus doth abide,
 Tho' all things fade and flee;
 My everlasting Rock--
 What is the world to me!

- 4** The world seeks after wealth
 And all that Mammon offers,
 Yet never is content
 Tho' gold should fill its coffers.
 I have a higher good,
 Content with it I'll be:
 My Jesus is my Wealth--
 What is the world to me!

- 8** What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my Treasure,
 My Life, my Health, my Wealth,

My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All,
My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

THE PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16

TLH p. 149

- P:** Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.
- C:** With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.
- P:** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- C:** Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.
- P:** With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.
- C:** I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches.
- P:** I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.
- C:** I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.

GLORIA PATRI

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

“The Word of the Lord”

Will Scott

LESSONS

O.T. LESSON

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also *is* vanity. ¹¹ When goods increase, They increase who eat them; So what profit have the owners Except to see *them* with their eyes? ¹² The sleep of a

laboring man *is* sweet, Whether he eats little or much; But the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep. ¹³ There is a severe evil *which* I have seen under the sun: Riches kept for their owner to his hurt. ¹⁴ But those riches perish through misfortune; When he begets a son, *there is* nothing in his hand. ¹⁵ As he came from his mother's womb, naked shall he return, To go as he came; And he shall take nothing from his labor Which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶ And this also *is* a severe evil— Just exactly as he came, so shall he go. And what profit has he who has labored for the wind? ¹⁷ All his days he also eats in darkness, And *he has* much sorrow and sickness and anger. ¹⁸ Here is what I have seen: *It is* good and fitting *for one* to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it *is* his heritage. ¹⁹ As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor—this *is* the gift of God. ²⁰ For he will not dwell unduly on the days of his life, because God keeps *him* busy with the joy of his heart.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 4: 1-16

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest,’ ” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh *day* in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; ⁵ and again in this *place*: “They shall not enter My rest.” ⁶ Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of

disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, “Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.” ⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. ¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:23-31

Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ But Jesus

looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” ²⁸ Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” ²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, ³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions— and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many *who are* first will be last, and the last first.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

SERMON

“True Prosperity”

Eccl. 5: 10-20

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

TE DEUM

TLH pp. 35-37

1. We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to - be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father - ever-last-ing.
2. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the - powers there-in; To Thee cherubim and seraphim con- - tin-ual-ly do cry:
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of - Sab-a-oth! Heaven and earth are full of the majesty - of Thy glo-ry.
4. The glorious company of the Apostles - praise Thee; The goodly fellowship of the - proph-ets praise Thee;
5. The noble army of martyrs - praise Thee; The holy Church throughout all the world - doth ac-knowl-edge Thee:
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Thine adorable true and - on-ly Son, Also the Holy - Ghost, the Com-fort-er.
7. Thou art the King of Glory, - O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son - of the Fa-ther.

8. When Thou tookest upon Thee to de- - liv-er man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born - of a vir-gin.
9. When Thou hadst overcome the - sharp-ness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to - all be-liev-ers.
10. Thou sittest at the right - hand of God, In the glory - of the Fa-ther.
11. We believe that - Thou shalt come, To - be our Judge.
12. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy - serv-ants, Whom Thou hast redeemed - with Thy pre-cious blood.
13. Make them to be numbered - with Thy saints, In glory - ever-last-ing.
14. O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine - her-i-tage. Govern them and lift them - up for-ev-er.
15. Day by day we - magni-fy Thee. And we worship Thy name ever, - world with-out end.
16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- - out sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have - mercy up-on us.
17. O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust - is in Thee. Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never - be con-found-ed.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Chanted in Unison)*

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.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 338

Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1 Thine forever, God of Love!
 Hear us from Thy throne above;

Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!

2 Thine forever! O how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, Guardian, heav'nly Friend,
Oh, defend us to the end!

3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!
Shield us thro' our earthly strife.
Thou, the Life, the Truth, the Way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep.
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

5 Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiven;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

BENEDICTION

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Jean Azar

Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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Witness Sunday Confirmation Essay:

Presented By William David Scott in Testimony of his baptismal faith in Jesus Christ.

Word of God

By: William Scott

My confirmation verse is Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek". It represents what the Word of God means to me. I am not ashamed of God's Word and feel the power of His Word every time I hear it or read it. Hearing God's Word also makes me want to share it with everyone.

The Bible is divided into two major parts, the Law and the Gospel. The Law shows us our sins. Like a mirror God makes known to us what sins we have done. The law is also like a curb. It keeps us in the lane on the right path with God. The Gospel reveals to us our Savior Jesus Christ. The Gospel also reminds us Jesus took on our sins on the cross and died to bring us forgiveness of our sins. There are a total of 66 books in the Bible. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. The Old Testament is further broken down into historical books, poetic books and prophetic books. There are 17 historical books, five poetic books and 17 prophetic books. The New Testament is also broken down into the Gospels, the epistles and finally the prophetic book: Revelation. There are five historical books, 21 epistles and one prophetic book.

During the Divine Service we read three different readings: the Old Testament reading, the Epistle reading and lastly the Gospel reading. In the Old Testament reading we hear of the salvation, redemption, and obedience of the Savior to come. The Epistle is the second reading and comes from the Greek word for

“letter”. It is always drawn from either 1,2,3 John, James, Jude 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Titus, Hebrews, 1st and 2nd Timothy, and 1st and 2nd Peter. The Books of the Bible were written by many different writers that included shepherds, scholars, fishermen, and prophets. The Bible’s writings spanned over 1500 years and were infused with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Epistle reading tells us how we can live, think, and behave as Christians. The Gospel reading is the last reading every Sunday and tells the Good News of what God has done for us in Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.

It is important to know Christ because knowing Christ brings us comfort in times of hardship. It also lets us know that we will go to heaven and He will forgive us all of our sins. Knowing Christ also teaches us God’s Word and gives us faith. It also helps us to teach others God’s Word. We need to remember that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. The Bible tells us this because it was written by the disciples under God’s inspiration.

I can be sure that the teachings in Christ and the Bible are true. God has told us through the Bible that His Word is true and that He would not lie to us. “Sanctify them by truth; your Word is truth” John 17:17. God guided the authors of the Bible as they wrote each book. The Bible is trustworthy in every subject it teaches and is without error. The Bible ultimately came from God who knows everything and is without fault.

Whenever I hear or read the Word of God, it reminds me that because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, God will forgive me of all my sins that I have done. God’s Word also comforts me knowing that God loves me and all people. It also shows me that Jesus was crucified and died for our sins and that we are forgiven. When I am having a hard time, God’s Word helps me to understand that He is always with me. I can remember the teachings of the Bible and find contentment in God’s Word.

It is important to memorize portions of God's Word so that we can teach His Word to others who may not know of God. We can give friends and family the hope we have because we know God's Word is the truth. It is especially important for children to memorize God's Word because it helps them to better know and understand the truths of the Bible. God's Word is a life transforming message for children and adults. Memorizing also helps us to correct ourselves or others when we go wrong. It comforts us when we are tempted or pressured to do wrong. We can remember the teachings of God.

BANNER EXPLANATION

My theme is the Word of God and I chose the Bible as my symbol to represent God's Word. The meaning of my symbol comes from John 20:31, "Through God's Word the Holy Spirit works faith, and through faith eternal life." I chose blue for the letters of my name, birth, baptismal dates and confirmation verse. I chose blue because it means hope. The background of the symbol is purple which means royalty. I chose green for the background of the bookmark because green is associated with spiritual growth. The cross on the bookmark is gold. Gold is the color of spiritual wealth and is often used in our celebrations for Easter and the resurrection to eternal life. Lastly, the Bible is white because it represents life, purity, and righteousness.



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GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO WORSHIP

today at Christ the King. Today is Witness Sunday at Christ the King, a time for our Confirmand Will Scott to profess his baptismal faith before the congregation (10:45), and a time for us to remember the day long past when we individually confirmed the faith of our baptism. We all seek a good and prosperous life, but we baptized believers know that in Jesus Christ, we discover a God Who is committed to giving us TRUE prosperity. What comfort! The pace of life is rapid, and our inner life is only refreshed by the living Jesus, Who gives us His grace and forgiveness. Grace and forgiveness are abundantly revealed to us in Word and Sacrament today and each Sabbath. This is the day we hear and learn the restoring Gospel of Jesus from the preaching of God's Word. No other riches on earth can compare to the riches of Jesus' Word, for by it, we enjoy a blessed life now, and the sure promise of life everlasting. Through Word and Sacrament this morning, the Holy Spirit comes in powerful measure to Will Scott and to us all, giving us the spiritual strength to stop trying to devise lasting, prosperous paths by our own design, and instead, trust that God has done EVERYTHING to guarantee true and lasting spiritual prosperity for us believers today, tomorrow and forever. God bless your worship with us today!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Dennis and Linda Sieszputowski- at the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary October 16th.

Will Scott- as he confesses his baptismal faith today on Witness Sunday.

Leona Kolb, Neil Madler and Donna Noll- receiving palative care.

Julie Hingst and Bob Skurda and Rob Rau- for daily strength and healing.

Those fighting cancer: Jennifer Gade Dickerson, Andy Phlaum, Bruce Dane, Lori Dane, Roy Koeppel, Mirjam Cascione, Lisa Zimmermann, Sheila Rice, Keith Josefiak, Michael Fleck.

NEXT SUNDAY, we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Will Scott at our 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship Service. Holy Communion

Will be celebrated at the 10:45 A.M. Divine Service.

REMINDER: Pastor Boelter will be away and attending the English District Great Lakes Fall Regional Pastor's Conference this week and will be out of town from Monday through late Wednesday. There will be NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS on September 20th.

JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION of the Reformation on the last Sunday of October, the 31st. Holy Communion will be celebrated at BOTH services, as it is a 5th Sunday of the month. The liturgical color will be red, so in celebration of the Gospel, you may wish to wear red that Sunday as we thank God for the work of the Reformers.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER will be our celebration of All Saints. Join us as we remember the faithful departed among us, those who have been called to glory here in our congregation the past year.

NOTE: The Judelaire Concert will be Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 P.M. The Live Nativity WILL be held on Sunday, December 5th from Noon until 3 PM.

MEMBERS OF CTK are invited to join the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church of SCS for the celebration of their 100th anniversary as a congregation on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Dinner will be held at 10:30 A.M. Reservations required by 10-10-21 at 586-294-0640.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

The new “Portals of Prayer” are available. Be sure to get yours today!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles for the November/ December Newsletter are due in before October 18th.

LIFE QUOTES

“The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary’s womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That’s where life is found: in the crucified Jesus.” Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When Noah descended from the ark in Genesis 8, he didn't have much. Yet, as a first act of worship and thanks for the protection that God had given his family, he made a burnt offering of the scarce animals in his possession. Through his offering, he declared his trust that God would continue to provide. Our giving should also express our gratitude to God and our trust in Him. We thank Him for keeping us safe as well, and we thank Him for our lives, families, friends, church, work, and all our blessings. We thank

Him for our forgiven and redeemed lives. We also thank Him for the promise that our needs will always be met (Romans 8:32).

ALTAR FLOWERS

have been given to the glory of God by Dr. John & Diana Hartzell

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC for next Sunday, 10/24:

"He will Take It" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler helps us to see God's wrath within the bigger story of God's love. (1 Samuel 15) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at www.lhm.org.

ALTAR GUILD

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Sue Mack, Jean Azar, and Lori Dane.



ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:
8:15 Worship Service: 26
10:45 Worship Service: 54
Communion: 51
Sunday Bible Class: 6
Monday Service: 8
Wednesday Bible Class: 8

