



**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22, 2023**

**Responsive Prayer 2 (p. 285)**

**The Preservice Music, the Call to Worship, & Welcome**

**Hymn:** 525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**Opening Versicles**

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**L** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Psalms 24:7-10*

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in | battle!

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O | ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of | glory?\*

The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of | glory!

**The Epistle Reading**

*1 Peter 2:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to

God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”<sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **The Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 11:25–30*

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**☩ 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 T everlasting. Amen.

**A Hymn:** The Old Rugged Cross

**Verse 1**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

**Chorus**

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

**Verse 2**

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary (Chorus)

### **Verse 3**

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me (Chorus)

### **Verse 4**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share (Chorus)

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**Sermon** (During the sermon, children who are ages 3 through grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ Time. Children can make their way to the back of the sanctuary where the KIDZ Time teacher is waiting. The children will return to the service following the sermon.)

**Offering** (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

**(During the offering we will sing, "Seek Ye First")**

### **Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you  
Allelu alleluia

### **Verse 2**

Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
From the mouth of God  
Allelu alleluia

### **Verse 3**

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia

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## **The General Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"**

### **Verse 1**

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

### **Verse 2**

Be Thou my wisdom  
Be Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father  
I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

### **Verse 3**

Be Thou my shield  
And my sword for the fight

Be Thou my dignity  
Be Thou my might  
Thou my soul's shelter  
And Thou my high tow'r  
Raise Thou me heav'nward  
O pow'r of my pow'r

**Verse 4**

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always  
Thou and Thou only  
Be first in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

**Verse 5**

High King of heaven  
When vict'ry is won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

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**Versicles**

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**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** let my cry come to You.

**L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

**C** for You answer me.

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

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

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

**C** and renew a right spirit within me.

**L** Cast me not away from Your presence,

**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

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

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,

**C** my lips will praise You.

**L** For You have been my help,

**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.

**L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;

**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.

**L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.

**L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

**L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

**C** listen to my plea for grace.

### Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.





# Looking Ahead

## Serving Today (10/22)

Officiant ..... Jerry Talen / Bryan Ensing  
Lector..... Irene Talen  
Organist..... Beth McKay  
Deacon(s) ..... Bryan Ensing / Jerry Talen  
Ushers..... LWML  
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss  
October Altar Guild..... Butler Family  
KidzTime ..... Cindy McAuliffe

## Serving Next Sunday (10/29)

Lector..... Cherie Hood  
Organist..... Beth McKay  
Deacon(s) ..... Craig Popma / Dave Hood  
Ushers..... Jim & Nancy Spears / Grace & Dale Rosema  
Video/Sound/Recording..... Nathan Urbanski/John & Marjie Weiss  
October Altar Guild..... Butler Family  
KidzTime ..... Needs to be Filled

## Financial Discipleship: October 15 & 16, 2023

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| General Fund  | \$5,490.00        |
| <i>Needed each week for budget \$5,769.00 (-\$279.00)</i> |                   |
| <u>Memorials</u>  | <u>\$110.00</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL Contributions</b>                                | <b>\$5,600.00</b> |

## Announcements

**Flyers for Trunk of Treats:** We have a flyers that were made for handing out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Sale to advertise the Trunk of Treats. There is a stack on the table in the lobby. Please grab as many as you would like and hand them out to your neighbors, friends, coworkers, and the like.

**Trunk of Treats:** Have you signed up for decorating your car, helping, or just having a Treat of a time? Well, you still have time...this is the last weekend to look at the sign up sheet and sign up!

## A New Four Week Bible Study Will Begin October 29<sup>th</sup>!

An integral part of our stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Living with Purpose**, is a four week Bible study. The first of four Bible studies will begin on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The Bible study is entitled, **“Do All to the Glory of God”** --*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). In all we do, we should strive to give God the glory that He deserves. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can live lives that seek to please and honor the Lord. As people of faith, our purpose is not to live for ourselves but for Jesus.



The other Bible studies in this discipleship emphasis are:

- Be My Witnesses (November 5)
- Serve One Another (November 12)
- Be Generous in Every Way (November 19)