

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

Kyrie 1-3—F. Couperin

## Opening Hymn

*God of Our Fathers*

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.  
Your love divine has led us in the past; In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen ways.  
From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase; Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.  
Refresh Your people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n born love and grace Until at last we meet before Your face.

## Confession of Sins

*please stand*

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

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us pray. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**G** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

**G** Amen.

## Introit

Psalm 33 (selected verses)

**P** Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**G** **For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.**

**P** Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**G** **For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood firm.**

**P** The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**G** **The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.**

**P** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

**G** **The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.**

**P** The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

**G** **Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

**G** **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.**

## Kyrie

**P** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Hymn of Praise

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Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.

We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin.

O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high:

Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

## Salutation and Collect for the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a

[Paul writes:] For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*please stand and speak together*

**☩ Alleluia! Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Alleluia!**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.

**☩ Glory to You, O Lord.**

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; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. 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. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles Creed

*confessed together*

**☩ 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.**

*please be seated*

## Little Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

**699** (Tune: 444)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, And He has made me glad.  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.  
I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

## Sermon

*Come To Me*

Matthew 11:25-30

## Recognition of Those Who Served

+ Deceased; \* Buried in St. Paul Cemetery

**P** Let us give thanks to God for this land with all its chartered liberties:

**☩ We give You thanks, O God.**

**P** For leaders in nation and state and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**☩ We give You thanks, O God.**

**P** For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the worlds common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to others:

**G We give You thanks, O God.**

**P** For those who served their country, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**G We give You thanks, O God.**

### **Civil War**

Christopher Heinrich Nolting +\*

Johann Karl Heinrich Nolting +

### **World War I**

Edward Arnholt +\*

Elmer Arnholt +

Henry Arnholt, Jr. +\*

Otto Arnholt +

Peter Daum +\*

George Fischer +\*

Jessie Fischer +\*

Carl Nolting +

Henry Nolting Sr. +\*

Marcus Nolting Sr. +\*

Carl Reinking +\*

Frank Runge Sr. +\*

Clarence Scheidt +

Clifford Scheidt +

Martin Schulz +\*

William Siekmann +\*

Alfred Steinkamp +\*

Ernest Tucker +\*

Alfred Wehmeier +

Carl Wehmeier +

Elmer Wehmeier +

Carl Wichman +

William Wichman +

### **World War II**

Carl Arnholt +\*

Edwin Arnholt +\*

Francis Arnholt +\*

Louis Arnholt +\*

Paul Arnholt +

Walter Arnholt +\*

Ken Christopher +

Lillie Mae Christopher

Wayne Coy +\*

June Coy +\*

Gerald Davis +\*

Mirko Drnjevic +\*

Robert Eggersman +\*

Alvin Fischer +\*

Henry Fischer +

Karl Forster

Paul Forster +\*

Earl Grayson +

Reuben Hartke +\*

Virginia Hartke +\*

Don Heiwig +\*

Wilbur Hoeltke +\*

Miles Kirchner +

Glenn Krieg +\*

John Meier +\*

Ray Miller +\*

Robert Nau +\*

Earl Nolting +\*

Marcus Nolting +\*

Morris Nolting +

Ross Osborn +

Harry Peters +

Raymond Reed +\*

Frank Runge Jr. +\*

Francis Scheidt +\*

Herschel Scheidt

Edwin Schuette +

Walter Terkhorn +\*

Leonard Urbahns +\*

Robert Zurbrugg +\*

### **Service Men and Women**

Raymond Arnholt

Richard Arnholt +\*

Burckhard Bosse

Jim Cleary

Michael Curry +\*

Robert Donica

Larry England

Michael England

Wilbur England

George Forster +\*

Lynn Forster

Andrew Gossett

Mark Grimes

Mary Hackman +\*

Ray Hall

Wil Harner

Matthew Hartke

Gerald Helt

Jim Hinds

Ron Hoeverner

Glenn Hughes

Tom Jackson

Danny Johnson

John Jones

Art Killey +\*

Larry Kitchin +

David Lange +\*

Harold Loyd, Jr.

Garrett McGaha

Paul Meier

Ron Neawedde

Delano Newkirk

Jim Newton

Carl Nienaber +

Don Nolting + \*

Max Nolting +\*

Seth Patterson

Ben Pence

Garrett Pevlor

Brian Purdue

Art Ramsey

Matthew Runge

Robert Runge

John Sasse

Colin Scheidt

Don Scheidt +\*

Royce Schuette +

John Schnur +\*

Dean Schroer +\*

David Schwartzkopf +

David Shaffer

Pastor William Stache

Don Strietelmeier

John Tellman +

Elizabeth Tucker

Lorraine Whitson

Richard Wilcox

Gene Wint

Mike Yeley

**P** (*please stand*) Let us pray. O almighty God and most merciful Father, we remember these Your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength. Help us to be faithful citizens of this land, loving You and serving our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**G Amen.**

## Prayers for the Nation

**P** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from Your gracious hand. We come before You today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**G We thank You for enabling us to worship You in freedom and to serve You without fear.**

**P** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**G For all these blessings, we praise and glorify You.**

**P** Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**G Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

**P** Strengthen our economy and our financial institutions. Bless our fields with sunshine and rain in due season that they may produce an abundant harvest. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**G Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on You.**

**P** Strengthen the homes of our nation. By Your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

**G Give us faithfulness to fulfill the tasks You have given us.**

**P** Lord of the nations, in Your power You guide all kingdoms of this world and yet in Your love You graciously provide for the needs of every person. We pray that You would grant healing upon all who are sick (especially...), comfort all who mourn (especially...), and help to sustain the poor and hungry.

**G Use us Lord, to help others in need.**

**P** Almighty God, continue to extend Your kingdom of grace in this country and around the world. Grant Your blessing upon our congregation and on all its members. Strengthen us by Your Word and Sacrament to faithfully follow You and to freely serve our neighbor in love.

**G Help us to fear, love, and trust in You above all things.**

**P** To You, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**G Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Hymn

*please remain standing 965*

God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand Through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

## Service of the Sacrament

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**G (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**P** Blessed are You...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ...

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**C** **(sung) O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

### **717 Eternal Father Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the wind and wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs a-main  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.

### **684 Come Unto Me, Ye Weary**

"Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!  
It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,  
Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto Me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;  
But Thou has brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

"Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."

O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;  
But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

"And who-so-ever cometh, I will not cast him out."

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,  
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,  
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

## **Communion Blessing**

*please stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

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**C** **(sung) O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,**

**For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:**

**A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction**

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**P** Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless...give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**717 stanza 4**

O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

**Postlude**

*God of Grace*—P. Manz

**Come to Me—Matthew 11:25-30**

Come to Me, you I \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_.

Come to Me, all who are w \_\_\_\_\_ and h \_\_\_\_\_ l \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus gives r \_\_\_\_\_ for your s \_\_\_\_\_.

Even though we belong to Christ, there are still troubles and struggles. However, His y \_\_\_\_\_ is  
e \_\_\_\_\_ and His b \_\_\_\_\_ is l \_\_\_\_\_.

***Next Sunday's Readings:*** *Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

## **Vacation Bible School plans are underway and Daryll LaSlothe is looking forward to learning with you! Rainforest Explorers – Jesus leads the way!**



***In Person VBS*** will be from 9 AM – 11:30 AM Monday, July 20-Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board of Education and VBS Planning team are working on protocols and procedures to create a safe environment for all volunteers and participants. In-person VBS will provide snacks, crafts, games, Bible study, and music. Register online by visiting the church website and clicking on the VBS link.

***Virtual VBS*** will be offered the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>. Register online by visiting the church website and clicking on the VBS link.

Those who sign up will receive an email with the YouTube links for each day. Bags of craft activities, snack recipe cards, and other student materials can be picked up from church the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Consider hosting a backyard VBS for neighborhood friends to attend with your children. Because these bags and supplies must be assembled in advance, the deadline to register for virtual VBS with guaranteed supplies/student bags is Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

***Volunteers needed!*** Interested in helping make videos for virtual VBS? Interested in volunteering on site? Decorating, crafting, snacking, safety, gaming...we need it all! Talk to Cheryl LaBelle, Katie Arnholt or April Ann Wofford today!

## **Our Weekly Schedule**

### **Worship Services**

Sunday Worship Services at 8 and 10:45 AM

Wednesday Worship Service at 4:45 PM

Online Service posted by Saturday mornings at [stpaulcolumbus.org](http://stpaulcolumbus.org)

Radio worship service Sundays at 8:30 AM on 1010 AM and 98.1 FM

### **Holy Communion Offered**

All Sunday and Wednesday Services

By appointment at church or your house by contacting one of the pastors

### **Christian Education**

Summer Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:30 AM

Bible Study Wednesdays at 6 PM

Parents who desire to teach their children at home should contact DCE LaBelle for the materials