

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

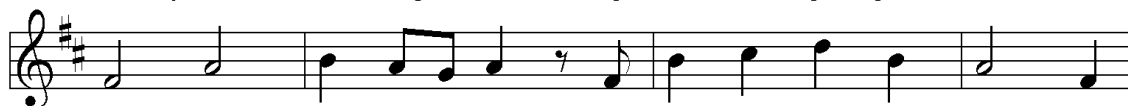
GATHERING HYMN [ELW#527 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"](#)

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: [Glory to God in the Highest](#)



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

OBADIAH

L ¹The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against it for battle!" ²I will surely make you least among the nations; you shall be utterly despised. ³Your proud heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is in the heights. You say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?" ⁴Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, says the Lord.

⁵If thieves came to you, if plunderers by night - how you have been destroyed! - would they not steal only what they wanted? If grape gatherers came to you, would they not leave gleanings? ⁶How Esau has been pillaged, his treasures searched out! ⁷All your allies have deceived you; they have driven you to the border; your confederates have prevailed against you; those who ate your food have set a trap for you - there is no understanding. ⁸On that day, says the Lord, I will destroy the

wise out of Edom and understanding out of Mount Esau. ⁹Your warriors shall be shattered, O Teman, so that everyone from Mount Esau will be cut off.

¹⁰For the slaughter and violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹On the day that you stood aside, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you, too, were one of them. ¹²But you should not have gloated over your brother on the day of his misfortune; you should not have rejoiced over the people of Judah on the day of their ruin; you should not have boasted on the day of distress. ¹³You should not have entered the gate of my people on the day of their calamity; you should not have joined in the gloating over Judah's disaster on the day of his calamity; you should not have stolen his goods on the day of his calamity. ¹⁴You should not have stood at the crossings to cut off his fugitives; you should not have handed over his survivors on the day of distress.

¹⁵For the day of the Lord is near against all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head. ¹⁶For as you have drunk on my holy mountain, all the nations shall drink continually; they shall drink and gulp down and shall be as though they had never been. ¹⁷But on Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall take possession of those who dispossessed them. ¹⁸The house of Jacob shall be a fire, the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau stubble; they shall burn them and consume them, and there shall be no survivor of the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken. ¹⁹Those of the Negeb shall possess Mount Esau, and those of the Shephelah the land of the Philistines; they shall possess the land of Ephraim and the land of Samaria, and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. ²⁰The exiles of the Israelites who are in Halah shall possess Phoenicia as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the towns of the Negeb. ²¹Those who have been saved shall go up to Mount Zion to rule Mount Esau, and the kingdom shall be the Lord's.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF THE DAY [ELW#504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"](#)

SERMON: ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

Please stand, as you are able.

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.

RESPONSE: "[Create in Me](#)"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff begins with a fermata over the first note. The third staff begins with a fermata over the first note.



- L One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

- L God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Janek Bracken, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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

P 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.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN [ELW#588 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"](#)

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, August 4, Communion Sunday – Pastor Jack will lead worship
- Saturday, August 10, Frederick Keys Game – 6 pm,

- Notionally meet at 5:30 at Stadium – this is “Faith Day” at the Keys Stadium so there is pre-game music by several Christian Bands
- Also celebrating Bob Hardy’s 85th Birthday!
- Sunday, August 11 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

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