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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We're happy you're here to worship with us! We pray that the Lord bless you through his Word this morning.

Notes about your visit:

- If you have any **questions**, please don't hesitate to ask one of the greeters or anyone else.
- **Restrooms** are out the back doors and down the second hallway on the right.
- Parents, we are so glad that you have brought your little children to church this morning. If needed, there is a **nursery** out the back doors to the right.

Understanding the Church Year

Season of Pentecost

We have now entered fully into the second half of the Church Year where the emphasis of our worship shifts to the *result* of God's work in our hearts through the Word – creating and sustaining faith in our hearts and producing good works in our lives. While the emphasis shifts, we never leave behind Christ and his work for us, which was the center of our attention during the first half of the Church Year.

Prayer Before Worship

*In these last days of sore distress grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent, your holy Word and sacrament.*

*Oh, grant that in your holy Word we here may live and die, dear Lord,
And when our journey's ending here, receive us into glory there.*

THE BLESSED CROSS?

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | 465

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess our sins together and hear the word of forgiveness announced by the pastor. Jesus himself promises, "If you forgive anyone their sins, they are forgiven" (John 20:23).

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 39:6b-23 (NIV)

Even though following God's Word resulted in trouble, by faith Joseph knew that God would be with him to preserve, protect, and provide.

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

⁸ But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.

¹¹ One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. ¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. ¹⁷ Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house."

¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined.

But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.



VERSE OF THE DAY

Galatians 4:6

P: Alleluia! Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:24-26 (ESV)

Moses had wealth, power, and worldly comfort in the palace of Egypt. But by faith he recognized that in comparison to his relationship with God, none of that was worth anything.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head | 536

The Daily Cross

¹⁸ Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."



²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

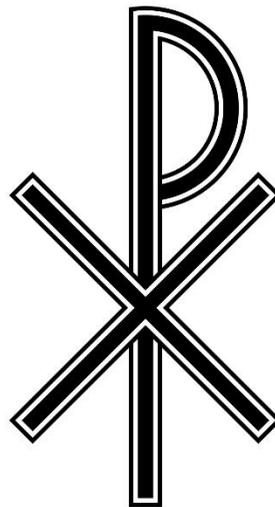
Special prayers and intercessions may follow

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE BLESSING

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites' ... So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them." – Numbers 6:22-27

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

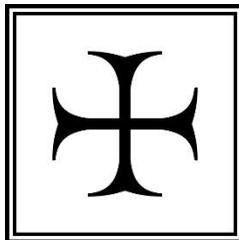
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with his favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Be My Leader | 367



News and Notes

Sunday School & Bible Class – Stick around after the service this morning for some fellowship and for some time in God’s Word!

Council Meeting – After a brief Bible study, the church council will meet.

Women of Faith will not meet today. Instead, their meeting will be on July 28.

Thank you to all who helped out with our Summer Bible Camp!

Women’s Retreat – Women of Faith will host their annual retreat at Flathead Lake August 9-11. If you haven’t already, sign up on our website (livingsaviormissoula.org). The deadline for registration is tomorrow!

Blood Drive – On July 16, Living Savior is hosting a blood drive in the fellowship hall. If you’d like to donate, go to redcrossblood.org and enter keyword LIVINGSAVIOR to make an appointment.

Serving at Living Savior

Greeters:

Today: Heide

Next Sunday: McGuire

Cleaners:

This Week: Bernthal/McGuire

Music:

Today: Mary

Next Sunday: Jon

Camera:

Today: Donavon

Next Sunday: Terry

In our prayers this week:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-Philippians 4:6

- ❖ Gil Turner: Gil continues to battle cancer.
- ❖ Makiah & Elizabeth Rahmer: The Rahmer girls suffer from epilepsy.
- ❖ Richard Best: April’s dad is dealing with several health difficulties.
- ❖ Ruth Adams: Ruthie relies heavily on her family of believers for support and encouragement.
- ❖ Safe travels and an edifying conference for all the women traveling to Wisconsin this week.
- ❖ *How can we pray for you? Let Pastor know!*