



CLASSIC SERVICE

OCTOBER 24, 2021 • 8:30 AM • "I Am" Series 7 • TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses. **Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5). Jesus said, "I am the true Vine." He is our source of life and hope. We are rooted in him by faith and through him we bear fruit for the glory of God in works of love and service.

WELCOME

Please Stand

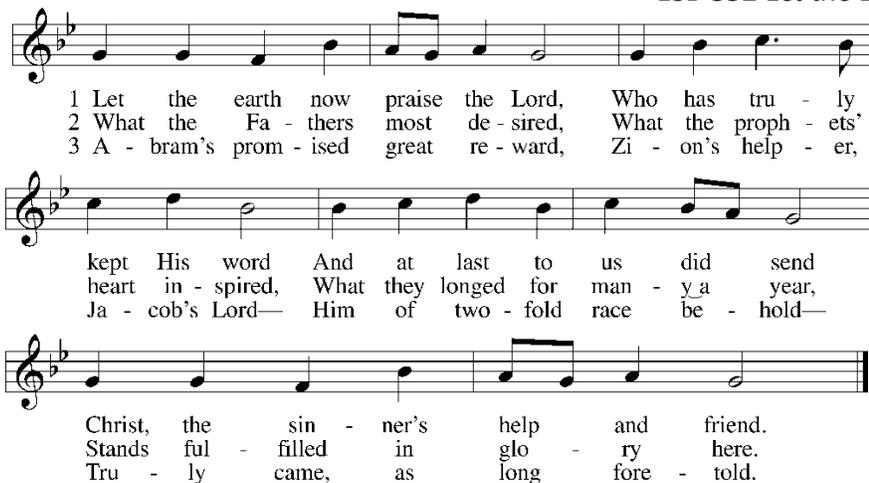
CALL TO WORSHIP

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

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalms 1:1-3

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

C **Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

P But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

C **And on his law he meditates day and night.**

P He is like a tree planted by streams of water

C **That yields its fruit in its season,**

P And its leaf does not wither.

C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection, asking the Spirit to root us once again in our only source for life, Jesus.

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

C Almighty God, even though we are joined by faith to Christ the true Vine, we often seek to find other sources of life for ourselves. We follow our own sinful desires and pursue the temptations offered by the world around us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Lead us to follow Your holy Son and to know Him as our only source of life.

P God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son to be our Savior. Jesus offered up His life on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. He rose from death on the third day to win eternal life for us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. We are rooted in Christ the true Vine. He is the source of forgiveness, life and hope!

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,
Let the same mind dwell in me, Which is Yours eternally.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head, That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again; As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and hear us. Call us to Yourself today, and grant us healing, hope, life, and salvation. Grant us also the strength of faith to take up our cross and follow You, who lives and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(The Righteous Branch.)*

Jeremiah 23:1-6

23 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

LSB 595 O Blessed Spring

1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -

be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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EPISTLE *(Spiritual Fullness in Christ.)*

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

John 15:1-2

P Alleluia. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

C He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *(The Vine and the Branches.)*

John 15:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide

HOLY GOSPEL (cont.)

in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

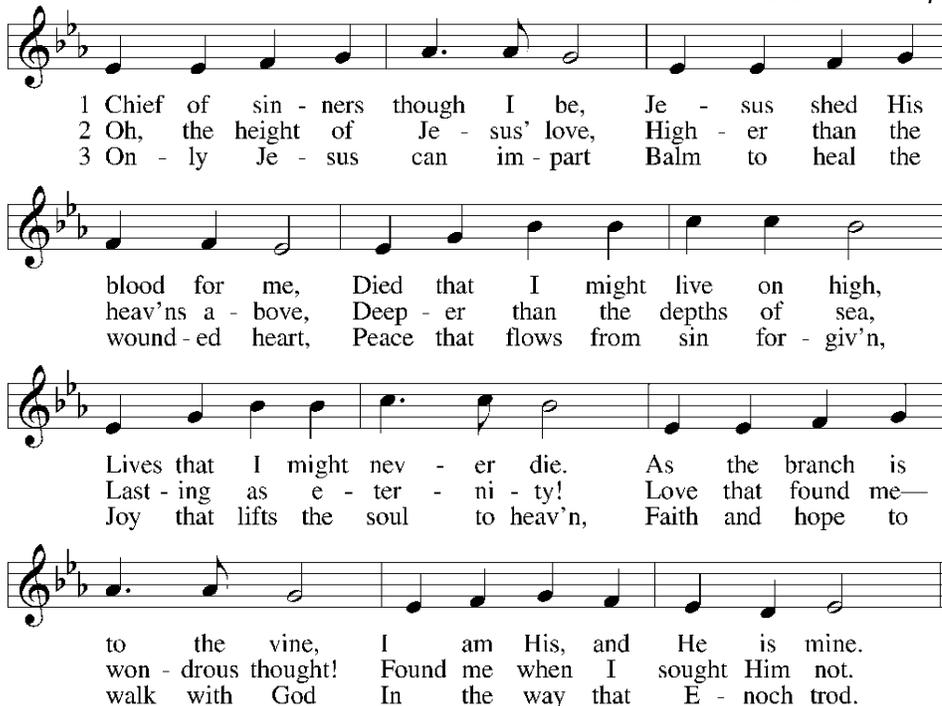
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC).

MESSAGE HYMN

LSB 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.

- 5 O my Savior, help afford; By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply, While I live and when I die.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

RESPONSE

956 Create in Me

- 1 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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CREED

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

C 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning (cont.)

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!) Children return from CC.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer response after each petition:

P Jesus, our True Vine,

C May we abide in you and bear the fruit of love.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

BENEDICTION

John 15:5, 8; 2 Corinthians 13:14

P I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him,

C He it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

P By this my Father is glorified,

C That you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye
 seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, rejoicing because Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Children's Msg.	Chris Graves
Organist	Carol Trumbo	Elder	Bob Ruppel
Reader	Robin Greene	Acolyte	Abby O'Grady

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