

**MY FUTURE HIS CARE
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10-4-26**

WORSHIP THEME: *Over the next several weeks we will be thinking about the future. What the future holds, but more than that, who holds the future. In the end, our future is in God's care. Our future is not grounded in progress and optimization or the lack thereof. Our future is grounded in God's promises and faithfulness.*

† GOD CALLS †

**OPENING SONG
"Father Welcomes"**

**Refrain: Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin.
Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe, Shall be born again.
Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin; let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God.
Father welcomes all His children to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.**

INVOCATION (11 AM)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen!

† GOD CLEANSSES †

**BAPTISM (8:30 AM)
Caleb Alan Berns**

TIME OF CONFESSION (Psalm 51) AND FORGIVENESS (Psalm 62)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God Almighty,

ALL: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned...Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Pastor: The soul finds rest in God alone, our salvation comes from Him. He is our rock, and our salvation. May your soul find rest that in Christ your sins are forgiven, by the grace given to you in the mercy of God. Trust in Him at all times, O people, pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.

ALL: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "I Stand Amazed"

I bring You my heart, I bring You my praise,
I bring You my broken dreams I've lost along the way.
I lift up my voice, I lift up my hands,
I lift up the moments in my life that I don't understand

And I lay it at the cross
Where I'm surrounded by Your grace
And I marvel at the wonder of Your love

Chorus
I stand amazed, I stand in awe
I stand forgiven in the midst of it all
Before You I bow, before You I fall
Blessed Redeemer, sweet Savior of all
I stand amazed

I offer You thanks, I offer my life
I offer a sacrifice of praise
When I'm scattered by the night
For You are my shelter
You are my King
You are the risen Son of God
The Lord of everything
And I'm standing at the cross

Where I'm surrounded by Your grace
And I marvel at the wonder of Your love

I stand amazed, I stand in awe
I stand forgiven in the midst of it all
Before You I bow, before You I fall
Blessed Redeemer, sweet Savior of all

And there is life in His body
There is grace in His blood
There is peace for the sinner
Given by God's love

I stand amazed, I stand in awe
I stand forgiven in the midst of it all
Before You I bow, before You I fall
Blessed Redeemer, sweet Savior of all
I stand amazed

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all!
ALL: And also with you!

† GOD SPEAKS †

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

⁷ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 3:4b-14

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in [\[a\]](#) Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third.

³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way.

³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’^[a]?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”^[b]

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (11 AM)

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

BRINGING OUR BLESSINGS
with Thanksgiving in our Offering

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (11 AM)

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.

Psalm 80:7-19

Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

⁸ You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. ¹¹ Its branches reached as far as the Sea, ^[a] its shoots as far as the River. ^[b] ¹² Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

¹³ Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it. ¹⁴ Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see! Watch over this vine, ¹⁵ the root your right hand has planted, the son ^[c] you have raised up for yourself.

¹⁶ Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. ¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

† GOD GIVES †

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

“Jesus Name Above All Names”

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word,

Jesus, loving shepherd
vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of lords,
the way the truth, and the Life.
Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

“Once Again”

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.

DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG "Shout to the North"

Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r of our glorious King of love.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.

† GOD BLESSES & SENDS †

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

ALL: Amen!

Pastor: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God