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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

**THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 19 & 20, 2024**  
**5:30 PM & 8:00 AM**

**AS WE GATHER**

Imagine someone offering you a gift—a gift that you cannot get on your own. How do you think the giver of that gift would react if you rejected it? That is what today's Readings are about. The children of Israel refused to go into the Promised Land. God's response was, "They shall not enter My rest." They had been slaves and gotten a good taste of the harshness of the wilderness. Yet they refused to go into a land where they would have rest. Today, God offers you rest through the gift of the forgiveness of sins. Do not miss out on the rest God offers you right now through Jesus.

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809, vv. 1,2

**(Please stand)**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:** When the children of Israel lived in Egypt and were slaves,

**People:** **God sent ten plagues upon Egypt to set His people free and give them rest.**

**Pastor:** When the children of Israel had their backs to the Red Sea,

**People:** **they saw God part the Red Sea and they walked across on dry ground as He gave them rest from their enemy.**

Pastor: When there was no way out for us because of our sin,

**People: God sent His Son to the cross, that all who believe would have eternal life and rest in that hope.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Hebrews 1:1–2, adapted*

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, You see things from an eternal perspective,

**People: and we see things from a limited human perspective.**

Pastor: You are omniscient, knowing all;

**People: we are but mortal.**

Pastor: In many and various ways You spoke to Your people in the past, using the prophets as Your mouthpieces.

**People: Your people often disobeyed and provoked Your wrath.**

Pastor: When You bid them enter the Promised Land, they would not,

**People: and You denied that generation any rest, sending them wandering for forty years.**

Pastor: Today, in these last times, You have spoken to us through Your Son.

**People: When we fail to believe in Him, and the message of the cross, we put ourselves in danger of missing out on the rest You desire to give us.**

Pastor: We need rest from our enemies,

**People: from the devil, all his works and ways, and from our own sinful flesh.**

Pastor: Forgive us for rebelling against You, Lord,

**People: for the sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us; wash us clean in Holy Baptism and the blood of the cross.**

Pastor: I now ask you before God, who searches the heart: is this your sincere confession?

**People: Yes, it is my sincere confession.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I bring you Good News from the King of kings Himself. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. Thank You, Lord, for Your loving kindness and for Your forgiveness.**

**KYRIE**

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” LSB 809, v. 3****SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, You created mankind not only to work but to rest as well. Yet we too often spend our energy and time seeking and working for those things that Satan has set as traps to destroy us. By the leading and guiding of Your Holy Spirit, turn us away from the things Satan has set as snares to take away our rest. Help us recall our true rest and hope is in You alone. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who came to give us rest, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

***Please sit*****OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 5:1-27**

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup>Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman’s wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.” <sup>5</sup>And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. <sup>6</sup>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” <sup>7</sup>And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying,

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“Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house.<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”<sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.<sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.”<sup>16</sup> But he said, “As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused.<sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mules’ load of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any

god but the LORD.<sup>18</sup> In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter.”<sup>19</sup> He said to him, “Go in peace.”

But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance,<sup>20</sup> Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, “See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”<sup>21</sup> So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, “Is all well?”<sup>22</sup> And he said, “All is well. My master has sent me to say, ‘There have just now come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them a talent of silver and two festal garments.’”<sup>23</sup> And Naaman said, “Be pleased to accept two talents.” And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two festal garments, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before Gehazi.<sup>24</sup> And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed.<sup>25</sup> He went in and stood before his master, and Elisha said to him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.”

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<sup>26</sup>But he said to him, “Did not my heart go when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants?”

<sup>27</sup>Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 119:9–16*

Pastor: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: **By guarding it according to Your word.**

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You;

People: **let me not wander from Your commandments!**

Pastor: I have stored up Your word in my heart,

People: **that I might not sin against You.**

Pastor: Blessèd are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!

People: **With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.**

Pastor: In the way of Your testimonies I delight

People: **as much as in all riches.**

Pastor: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.

People: **I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of

our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand**

**VERSE** *Mark 10:27b*

Pastor: Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.

**People: For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.****HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 6:24-26 and Mark 10:23-31***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter, and St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.*****Matthew 6:24-26***<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”***Mark 10:23-31***<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!<sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through

the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.****Please sit****CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722, vv. 1-3****SERMON “MONEY’S TEMPTING SIDE”**  
*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**HYMN**      **“Praise and Thanksgiving”**      *LSB 789, vv. 1-3*

## **TITHES AND OFFERING**

**(8:00 ONLY – “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Trinity Handbells*)**

**Please stand**

## **CREED**      *Apostles’ Creed*

**People: 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:**      Lord Jesus, look upon us with Your compassion.

**People:**      **You know those among us who are sick, hurting physically, and who  
otherwise need Your healing hand.**

**Pastor:**      We commend into Your care those who are sick, [*including . . .*].  
Restore them to health according to Your will.

**People:**      **Lord, according to Your will, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**      We pray for our land and those You have put in charge of overseeing our  
government at every level.

**People:**      **Grant Your Spirit to give them wisdom and guidance. Lord, according  
to Your will, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:**      We lift those who struggle: the homeless, the orphans, the widowed, and  
those in poverty.

**People:**      **We bring them to Your throne of grace, asking that You provide help  
for them in their time of need. Lord, according to Your will, hear our  
prayer.**

Pastor: We bring before You the needs of Your saints, whether here or elsewhere,  
**People: for Christian missionaries, for the persecuted, for those facing difficulty of any kind.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and that Your will shall be done; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forevermore.  
**People: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

Pastor: Hear us as we pray the prayer You have taught us:  
**People: 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.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.  
**People: Amen.**  
**Please sit**

**HYMN “We Praise You, O God”** *LSB 785, vv. 1-3*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord and one another so the world might believe.  
**People: Thank You, Lord, for Your forgiveness and peace!**

**\* \* \* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \* \* \***