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COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 - 5:00 PM**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 - 10:45 AM**

*(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

## **PRELUDE**

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 634”

*J.S. Bach*

## **WELCOME**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” (vv. 1, 3-4) *Hymn 545*  
*([10:45] Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)*

**Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heav’n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken, Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God’s tender love, One with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

## **\*THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

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

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Please kneel or be seated.)*

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen.

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

“This Is the Feast”

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**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**B** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Psalm 146:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE SECOND READING

*James 2:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM** “Jesu, meine Freude (Jesus, Priceless Treasure)” *J.S. Bach*  
*BWV 610 (organ), BWV 358 (choral)*  
*(Grace Chorale)*

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 7:31-37*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **[10:45] CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

**\*SERMON HYMN** “Amazing Grace” *Hymn 744*

**Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!**

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

## **THE SERMON**

"Everybody Love Everybody"

*James 2:1-10*

## **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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 BENEDICTION** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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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.

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

*Hymn 524*

*(vv. 1-4)*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.

## \*DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“In dir ist Freude, BWV 615”

*J.S. Bach*

## **CREDITS**

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The Officiant	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
The Organist	Nick Klemetson
The Lector	Roger Walker
The Usher/Greeter Team	Jeff & Pat Wittcop

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

The Officiant	The Rev. Brendon T. Moore
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