



18th Sunday of Pentecost  
October 12, 2025 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father thank You for Your mercy and grace. That through Jesus we have been given eternal life. Help us to show mercy to others and give them grace like You have done for us. Let us share this gift You have given us with others. Amen.

Hymn: ***What Wondrous Love Is This***

What wondrous love is this

O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this

O my soul

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse

For my soul

When I was sinking down

Sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down  
Sinking down  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul, for my soul  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing  
To God and to the Lamb  
Who is the great I Am  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing, I will sing  
While millions join the theme  
I will sing

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#### Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our  
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives  
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children  
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

#### Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with  
you all.

**A: And also with you.**

#### Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

### This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-10

*"The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. Then he asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones become living people again?' 'O Sovereign LORD,' I replied, 'you alone know the answer to that.' Then he said to me, 'Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.' So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army."*

### Ephesians 2:1-10

*"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has cre-*

*ated us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”*

John 5:13-15

*“The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, ‘Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.’ Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.”*

#### Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Sermon — *“His Work”* Pastor Ben Murray

#### Apostle’s Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### Hymn: ***Amazing Grace***

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

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home

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#### Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the

new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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.**

#### Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### Communion

##### Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

#### Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

#### Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**A: Amen.**

#### Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

#### Closing Hymn: ***Rock of Ages***

Rock of Ages, cleft for me

Let me hide myself in thee

Let the water and the blood

From thy riven side which flowed

Be of sin the double cure

Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone  
Thou must save, and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to thy cross I cling  
Naked, come to thee for dress  
Helpless, look to thee for grace  
Foul, I to the fountain fly  
Wash me, Savior, or I die

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*"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8*

## **Sermon Notes**

### **His Work**

- ⇒ How can I demonstrate God's richness of Mercy to the world?
- ⇒ Am I taking seriously the truth that life only comes through the power of the Holy Spirit?
- ⇒ What area in my life am I struggling to accept the Lord's forgiveness in?

## **Those To Pray For**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**IN HOSPICE CARE:**

**CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER:** Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Don Krause, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman