

2023

*“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”*

*Alive  
in Christ*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

**Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to  
hear and join in today's Worship service**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.  
Psalm 29:1, 2*

Call Statement:

*“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”*

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships  
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

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**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**All: Amen.**

Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: 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,

**All: 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.**

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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

*(Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)*

## HYMN

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### God Himself Is Present

#### Verse 1

God Himself is present; Let us now adore Him

And with awe appear before Him!

God is in His temple; All within keep silence,

Prostrate lie with deepest rev-erence.

Him alone god we own,

Him, our god and Savior; Praise His Name forever!

#### Verse 2

God Himself is present; Hear the harps resounding;

See the hosts the throne surrounding!

“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymns ascending,

Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises

That Your Church now raises.

#### Verse 3

Light of light eternal, All things penetrating,

For Your rays our soul is waiting.

As the tender flowers, Willingly unfolding,

To the sun their faces holding:

Even so would we do, Light from You obtaining,

Strength to serve You gaining.

#### Verse 4

Come, celestial Being, Make our hearts Your dwelling,

Ev'ry carnal thoughts dispelling.

By Your Holy Spirit Sanctify us truly,

Teaching us to love You only.

Where we go here below, Let us bow before You

And in truth adore You.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ,

All: **Our only comfort, our hope, our righteousness, our strength and sure defense, we beseech Thee, kindle in our breasts a fervent desire, hunger, and thirst for that eternal food of the soul,—Thy true body and blood,—that we may gladly and frequently receive the glorious Sacrament in true realization of our sins and strong reliance upon Thee, unto the strengthening and assurance of our souls, until at last life's pilgrimage ended, we come to Thee in the true Heavenly Homeland, to see Thee face to face, and abide with Thee through all eternity. Amen.** (Wilhelm Loehe, Seed Grains of Prayer, English edition, #88.)

## LESSONS

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 80:7-19

## GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

### *I Want to Know Christ*

## SONG

### Happiness Is

#### Verse 1

Happiness is to know the Savior,

Living a life within His favor,

Having a change in my behavior -

Happiness is the Lord;

#### Verse 2

Happiness is a new creation,

"Jesus and me" in close relation,

Having a part in His salvation -

Happiness is the Lord;

### **Bridge**

**Real joy is mine, No matter if teardrops start;  
I've found the secret - It's Jesus in my heart!**

### **Verse 3**

**Happiness is to be forgiven,  
Living a life that's worth the livin',  
Taking a trip that leads to heaven -  
Happiness is the Lord.**

### **Ending**

**Happiness is the Lord,  
Happiness is the Lord.**

### **APOSTLES' CREED** (in unison)

**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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

**Pastor:** *(After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;*

**All:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**All:** **and also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**All:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Pastor:** 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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (in unison)

**All:** **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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

**All:** **Amen.**

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE SENDING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

**All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

### **SONG**

#### **In the Secret**

##### **Verse 1**

**In the secret, in the quiet place,  
In the stillness You are there.**

**In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You,  
'Cause I want to know You more**

##### **Chorus**

**I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice,  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face,  
I want to know You more.**

#### **Verse 2**

**I am reaching for the highest goal,  
That I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, Pushing ev'ry  
hindrance aside, Out of my way,  
'Cause I want to know You more**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Worship Service will be with sung liturgy**

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:4-13**

**Matthew 22:1-14**

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October 1, 2023

Attend: 30

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**Confirmation will be Reformation Sunday  
October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**We will be celebrating the Affirmation of Faith of  
Terra and Aria on Reformation Sunday.  
Join us following the worship service for a  
Celebration Luncheon.**

**Please sign up on the sign-up in the Narthex so we may plan for  
the number attending.**