

20TH SUNDAY AFTER

# Pentecost

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you to join our family!*



OCTOBER 6, 2024

## We Gather for Worship

**Opening Hymn: #353**      *Your love, O God, has called us here*      *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

### Opening Sentences:

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*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*  
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*  
Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

### Confession

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*Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* **Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Invitatory

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*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

### Antiphon

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

### Venite: Psalm 95

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*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God, \*

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it, \*

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant:* Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*

*People:* **at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

*Officiant:* They put me to the test, \*  
*People:* **though they had seen my works.**  
*Officiant:* Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
*People:* **“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”**  
*Officiant:* So I swore in my wrath, \*  
*People:* **“They shall not enter into my rest.”**

## Antiphon

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:  
*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

## Psalm 8



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*All:* 1 O Lord our Governor, \* |  
 how exalted is your Name in all the world! ||  
 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \* |  
 your majesty is praised above the heavens. ||  
 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \* |  
 to quell the enemy and the avenger. ||  
 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \* |  
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ||  
 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \* |  
 the son of man that you should seek him out? ||  
 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \* |  
 you adorn him with glory and honor; ||  
 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \* |  
 you put all things under his feet: ||  
 8 All sheep and oxen, \* |  
 even the wild beasts of the field, ||  
 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \* |  
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. ||  
 10 O Lord our Governor, \* |  
 how exalted is your Name in all the world! ||

*Officiant:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah**

*(Isaiah 55:6-11)*

*All:* **Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth,**

**Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty;**

**But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn: LEVAS #218

### *Jesus loves the little children* (v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)

*Please stand and sing.*

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;  
 2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;  
 3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.  
 2. He will wash a way my sin, Let His lit tle child come in.  
 3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The bi ble tells me so.

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### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily:** The Rev. Tom Harrington

### **Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**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 to the dead. 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.**

### **We Pray**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Suffrages: Set A**

*BCP Page 98 Please be seated*

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Collect for Sundays

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*Officiant:* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Renewal of Life

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*Officiant:* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Peace

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*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Grace

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*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Guidance

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*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect For Mission

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*Officiant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Reader:* Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

*Reader:* For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...

*People:* **St. Luke's, Bartlesville; People and Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Micronesia; Diocese of Navajoland; The Lusitanian Church.**

*Reader:* For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine & B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Mike, John, Rose, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Cathey, Charlie, Jason, Wesley, Jeanne, Geneva, Glen, Jackie, Ched, Frankie, Taylor, Deborah, Di Noia family, Teresa, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, David, those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* We pray for those who have died, especially...

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...

*People:* **Nedda, Cliff, Cheri, Tana, David, Michael, and Bert.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

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*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*



## For a Birthday

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*Officiant:* Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Offertory Music

*Remain seated.*

## We Go Out To Do Our Work

## General Thanksgiving

*All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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*All:* Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

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*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

## Closing Hymn: #559

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

*Please stand and sing.*



4:00 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BRING YOUR ANIMAL FRIENDS - ALL SPECIES WELCOME!



## PUMPKINS, PIZZA, & PRAYER

Join us in decorating pumpkins on  
Wednesday, October 9th,  
@ 6:30PM

While we decorate, we will enjoy  
pizza and punch. Following this,  
we will end the evening in prayer  
with a Compline service.





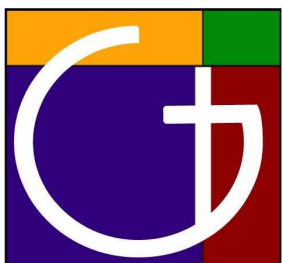
**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:**

**Officiant.....The Rev. Tom Harrington**  
**1st Reader.....Stephen Bradley**  
**2nd Reader.....Coco Cox**  
**Head Usher/Greeter... Thomas Bentley**  
**Altar Guild..... Melody Freie**  
**Media..... Tim Holder**  
**1st Cross.....Pat Wilcox**  
**Torch/Plates.....Lucy Cox**  
**2nd Cross..... Coco Cox**

**OCTOBER  
VESTRY PERSON  
OF THE MONTH:**



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**Sr. Warden:** Katherine Coburn

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**Deacon Emeritus:** The Rev. Thomas A. Harrington

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Malcolm McGuire

**Youth & Children's Director:** Nancy Scott

