

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. Our series now focuses on *The Believer Follows Christ*.

The Sunday The Lord invites believers to take part in his kingdom work. What joy and privilege is ours to work in his harvest fields, to witness the power of the Spirit, and to support this ministry! *Followers of Christ Support Kingdom Work*.

Hymn

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor CW 530



1 Hark! The Church pro - claims her hon - or, And her
 2 He his Church has firm - ly found - ed; He will
 3 Frail and fleet - ing are our pow - ers, Short our
 4 Though we here must strive in weak - ness, Though in
 5 On - ward, then, with - out de - spair - ing! Calm we



strength is on - ly this: God has laid his choice up -
 guard what he be - gan. We, by sin and foes sur -
 days, our fore - sight dim. We con - fess a choice not
 tears we of - ten bend, What his might be - gan in
 fol - low at his Word, Thus through joy and sor - row



on her, And the work she does is his.
 round - ed, Build her walls as best we can.
 ours: We were cho - sen first by him.
 meek - ness Shall a - chieve a glo - rious end.
 bear - ing Faith - ful wit - ness to our Lord.

Text: Samuel Preiswerk, 1799–1871; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

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Welcome! We thank
 God that you have
 joined us at worship
 today.

Restrooms are
 located in the
 basement. Hearing
 loop headphones and
 Large Print Hymnals
 are available from an
 usher.

If your children need
 to leave worship,
 please take them to
 the basement. A TV
 broadcasts the service
 in the basement.

Today we gather
 together in the
 presence of God. He is
 present among us in a
 special way through his
 Word and Sacrament.
 We acknowledge our
 sin and rejoice in the
 good news of
 forgiveness through
 the life and death of
 Christ. This is the focus
 of our worship.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins, Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Absolution (pronouncement of forgiveness)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Gloria Be To God *Gloria in Excelsis* (sung)

Luke 2:14

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| 1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race. | 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share. |
| 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. | 4. You Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen. |

Salutation

M: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

First Lesson:

1 Kings 17:1-16

God provided for his prophet through a wonderful miracle. God could have kept providing for his prophet in that way, but he had another plan. He would give the people of God the privilege of providing for and supporting his minister. It was still a miracle; it was still the blessing of God that made it possible. But God in his wisdom wanted his Church to share in the work of supporting the ministry of the Word. And they were doubly blessed.

17 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe^[a] in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

2 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: **3** “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. **4** You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

5 So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. **6** The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. **8** Then the word of the LORD came to him: **9** “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” **10** So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” **11** As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

12 “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

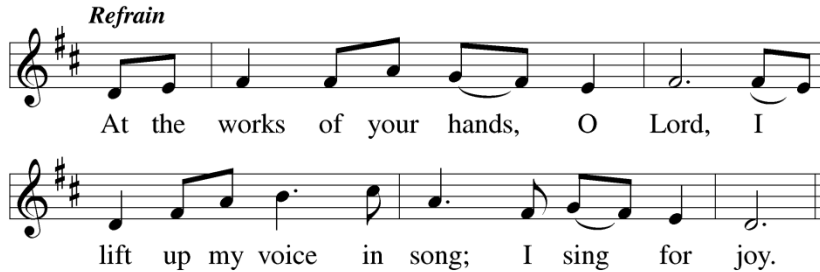
13 Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. **14** For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of

flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.”

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 66



Shout with joy to God, all the earth!*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives*
and kept our feet from slipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who fear God;*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,*
the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened*
and heard my voice in prayer.

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

Refrain

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

Christians supporting the work of the Gospel offer a fragrant offering and an acceptable sacrifice to God. Paul acknowledges with joy the generosity of the Philippian congregation. Even when he was not directly serving them, they continued to support his mission work by meeting his physical needs. What privilege it is to praise God by supporting the Lord's kingdom work. In this way the Lord continues to provide for his full-time servants in the church and promises even more: To those who give support to the Gospel, God promises to meet all their needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus!

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

Stand

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 7.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 10:1-12,16-20

Jesus sends out the seventy-two to proclaim peace to the people. But they go empty handed. In this way, God's people are given the opportunity to respond to God's goodness by sharing all good things with his messengers. What a privilege to bear such good tidings and humbly receive such gifts! What joy to see the Word at work, accomplishing the purpose for which it is sent! As messenger or hearer, what grace to be numbered among those whose names are written in heaven!

¹⁰ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The

harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

O Christians Haste CW 570



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing
3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;



To tell to all the world that God is light,
Bound in the drear - y pris - on - house of sin
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;

That he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 With none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing
 Tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion;
 Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;

One soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 Or of the life he died for them to win.
 And died on earth that they might live a - bove.
 O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings, Ti - dings of peace,

Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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Sermon

Philippians 4:10-20

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

1. O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.
2. Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

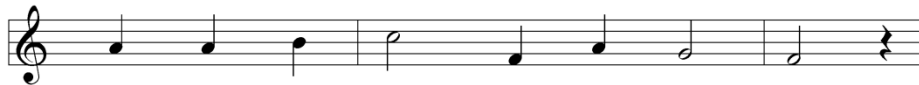
Communion Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

Preach You the Word CW 544

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
- 3 The sow - er sows; his reck - less love
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
- 5 Preach you the Word and plant it home



To those who like or like it not,
 Your ser - vant bids us un - der - take:
 Scat - ters a - broad the good - ly seed,
 And some be choked and mat - ted flat,
 And nev - er faint; the Har - vest - Lord



The Word that shall en - dure and stand
 To preach your Word and nev - er ask
 In - tent a - lone that there may be
 The sow - er sows; his heart cries out,
 Who gave the sow - er seed to sow



When flow'rs and mor - tals are for - got.
 What pride - ful prof - it it may make.
 The whole - some loaves that peo - ple need.
 "Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
 Will watch and tend his plant - ed Word.

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 Augsburg, 1666.

Stand

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)

Luke 2:29-32

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| <p>1 O Lord, now let your servant
 Depart in peace, assured:
 For I have seen your promised
 incarnate, saving Word—
 A Light that will enlighten
 All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
 The brilliant, crowning glory
 Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever three in one;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.</p> |
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M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

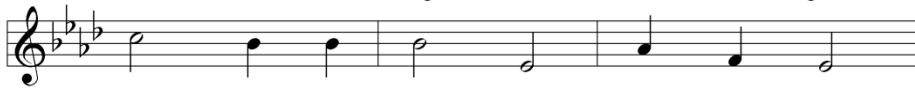
Be seated

Hymn

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go CW 518:1-4



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
3 Priests to the world, yes, roy - al priests
4 Christ on our lips, his Word we speak.



Christ to the world with joy we bring,
King - ship with him his ser - vants gain.
As mem - bers of Christ's fam - i - ly,
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
Cleansed by the great high - priest - ly death,
Christ's truth in love that we may be



Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
We preach a - tone - ment full and free.
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

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