

**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 Hears Jesus' Warnings*

**The Sunday** Four weeks of warnings for Christians began last Sunday that the life of faith will be marked by difficulties. These warnings are given so that the believer will be prepared to meet these challenges with the confidence of the cross. Today we see that the way to heaven is narrow. Mere outward attachment to the family of God is not sufficient—only through faith in Christ can we enter heaven. Although the door is narrow, it is open to all, and the saints will come from all nations to behold the glory of the Lord.

**Hymn**

*Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink* CW 405:1-4,6



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though  
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -  
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When  
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble  
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of  
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,  
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,  
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,  
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,  
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
 And then, whate'er may come,  
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
 Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877.  
 Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

*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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**Gather**

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 to help people

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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.**

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

*Luke 2:14*

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

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## THE WORD

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### Salutation

M: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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:

**Judges 7:1-8**

Why is it so hard to remember that the good we do is not from our strength or ability, but from grace of God? If we enter the narrow door of heaven, it will not be our efforts that got us there. Yet boasting in ourselves is a common problem. The work-righteous attitude of our sinful nature seeks only to glorify self. When Gideon carried out the will of the Lord against Midian, the Lord chose only a handful to serve his purpose, so Israel couldn't boast in its own strength but only in the strength of the Lord. There are certainly those today who boast in their own spirituality and hold others to their own piety. They are confident in their own understanding and ignore their need for the Savior. Many will question the way the Lord brings about his eternal salvation. But at the end of time it will be those whom he has chosen that will accompany the Lamb to his eternal victory celebration.

<sup>1</sup> Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh. <sup>2</sup> The LORD said to Gideon, "You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, 'My own strength has saved me.' <sup>3</sup> Now announce to the army, 'Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.'" So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD said to Gideon, "There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."

<sup>5</sup> So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the LORD told him, "Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink."

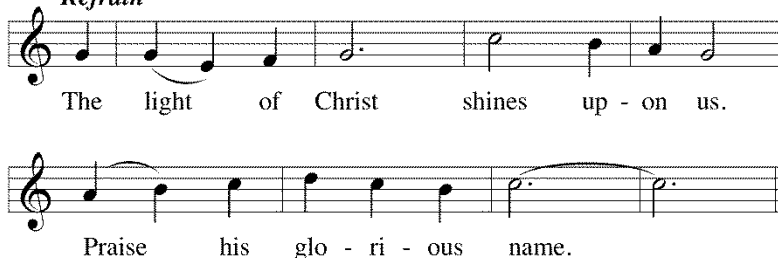
<sup>6</sup> Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home." <sup>8</sup> So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others. (NIV)

### Psalm of the Day

**Psalm 72 CWS**

*Refrain*



*Psalm Tone*



Endow the King with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
He will defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.  
He will be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.

*Refrain*

All kings will bow down to him  
and all nations will serve him.  
All nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.  
Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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**

**Romans 9:1-9**

There is no human birthright that gives access through the narrow door. Not even being a descendant of the patriarchs would do it—only faith in Christ Jesus and the birthright given by our second birth into the true Israel of God. The Word of the Lord had gone out to the nations while Israel remained disobedient and obstinate. Even amongst such apostasy the Lord, by grace, kept a remnant of the faithful to preserve the ancestry of salvation. All believers, from all nations, will join this remnant, by grace, for eternity.

**9** I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— **2** I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, **4** the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. **5** Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

**6** It is not as though God’s word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. **7** Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham’s children. On the contrary, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” **8** In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham’s offspring. **9** For this was how the promise was stated: “At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son.” (NIV)

### **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 13.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel:**

### **Luke 13:22-30**

The narrow door to eternity is open only to the spiritual children of Abraham. The Chosen Nation of Israel thought that they had every right to enter through the door. After all, they were part of the Old Covenant. But their lack of faith in Christ and reliance on themselves left them locked out from paradise. In the new Covenant, entrance into the Kingdom of God is open only to those with faith in the Christ.

**22** Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. **23** Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, **24** “Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. **25** Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

**26** “Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

**27** “But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

**28** “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

**29** People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. **30** Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.” (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

*I Walk in Danger All the Way* CW 431:1-5



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way; With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -



shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly. He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry



marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails



me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly. A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me. They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I



un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en



pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 day. Grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way.  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863–1938, alt.  
 Tune: DER LIEBEN SONNE LICHT UND PRACHT (87 87 66 88) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*,  
 4th ed., Halle, 1708.

*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**

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**THE SACRAMENT**

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**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 *Agnes Dei*

*John 1:29*

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; 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

*In Christ There Is No East or West* CW 539



1 In Christ there is no east or west, In  
2 With God there is no tribe or race; In  
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name Who  
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What -  
5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In



him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
him we all are one. He loves us as his  
died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet south and north. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
chil - dren through Our faith in his dear Son.  
hate, and blame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
as his child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, st. 1, 4-5; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2; Michael Perry, b. 1942, st. 3.  
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Tune: MCKEE (CM) African-American spiritual, adapt.

*Stand*

## Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* (sung)

*Luke 2:29-32*

- 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!
- 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.

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

*Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* CW 476:3

3 Oh, keep me watch-ful, then, and hum-ble; Do  
not al-low my steps to stray. Up-hold me  
when my feet would stum-ble, And keep me on the  
nar-row way. Fill all my na-ture with thy  
light, O Ra-diance strong and bright!

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 3–4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2.

Tune: ICH WILL DICH LIEBEN (98 98 86) *Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz*, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.