

St. Mark 10:28

Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left everything and followed You.”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 17, 2021

## Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn      *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*      (ELW) No. 818

## *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

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\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

(ELW) page 94

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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

**C:** And also with you.

\*The Kyrie (sung response) (ELW) page 138

P: ...., let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C:** Amen.

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: O God, our refuge and strength, since You yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of Your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day (read responsively)

Psalm 119:9-16

<sup>9</sup>How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to Your words.

**<sup>10</sup>With my whole heart I seek You;**

**let me not stray from Your commandments.**

<sup>11</sup>I treasure Your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against You.

**<sup>12</sup>Blessed are You, O Lord;**

**instruct me in Your statutes.**

<sup>13</sup>With my lips will I recite

all the judgments of Your mouth.

**<sup>14</sup>I have taken greater delight in the way of Your decrees**

**than in all manner of riches.**

<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on Your commandments

and give attention to Your ways.

**<sup>16</sup>My delight is in Your statutes;**

**I will not forget Your word.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:1-13 [14-16]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

C: **Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words  
of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Mark 10:23-31

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.** (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

(ELW) No. 712

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (sung response)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn

*Jesus, Still Lead On*

(ELW) No. 624

\*FLC Sending Hymn

*Be The Love of Christ*

arr. Michael Showalter

Roger Thornhill

\*The Dismissal (response)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Please join us downstairs for our Apple/Octoberfest following service.**

# O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless-ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - feet deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us hear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

# Jesus, Still Lead On

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1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in loving honor of Wesley Black on his birthday and in loving memory of Frank Black and my mother, Bessie Killen. A donation is made to the roof fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Peter Kostanich.

**Acolytes** are Cole Johnson and

**Counters/Greeters** today are K. Luketich & R. Williams.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Dartball** on October 19—at Chartiers Crossroads.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Bell Choir Practice** on Monday's at 7 PM.

**The Flower Chart for 2021** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021.** Please write you names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, Sandy Hebrank, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, the Pollana family, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, Kevin Ryan, Bob Cable, baby Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Ruby Rogers, Becky, Mel & Klaus Behrens, Jim Lacko, Joanne Reck, Nikki and family, Barbara, and Michael Selarud.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS  
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
PA Mental health support and referral line  
1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Church Offering Change:** In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**October 17, 2021 — Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost**

“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle...” (Mark 10:25)

Money is important. We spend most of our time and energy pursuing it. We have good reasons for acquiring money like putting food on the table, providing a good life for our families, and security for old age. Money has a way of revealing our true values. When someone says, “It’s not the money, it’s the principle,” we all know it’s usually the money.

Sometimes it’s hard to know the difference between greed and being a wise investor in order to provide a good life for our family. Money can reveal how deep our own self-deception actually is. It’s not just the money itself. It’s when you take money and put it next to Jesus, that’s when things get really complicated. (Warning: Jesus has a way of taking an already difficult discipleship and making it even more demanding.)

An interpreter from around 850 CE, came up with the brilliant idea that there was a low gate into Jerusalem called “the eye of the needle,” in which camels could squeeze through if they were not carrying a load. If we let go of some of our stuff, we can get through the needle’s eye too. Sorry, but that gate never existed.

Maybe money isn’t the problem. Perhaps it is works righteousness. Jesus saw the rich man was successful in obeying the law, gave him a command so far beyond the man’s reach that there’s no way for him to obey. Using the law and making it more difficult, Jesus thus pushes the man into Jesus’ gracious arms. Jesus calls us to follow him, to be disciples and walk the way of the cross. But it is a difficult way because Jesus keeps raising the bar. He demands a level of righteousness from us that we don’t think we can meet. And yet we keep walking with him. We keep listening to him, sometimes obeying and sometimes disappointing him. He promises that our struggle to follow will not go unrewarded.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, each of us has heard your call, “Follow me.” We are trying hard to walk with you, and sometimes we disappoint you. We want to learn more about the demands of discipleship. Speak to us, Lord, help us not to dismiss your demands upon us. Give us the courage to listen to you as you speak to us. Give us the grace not to despair over our failures to faithfully follow. Amen.



