



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

November 9, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us today sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.



Year C (2025) – Season after Pentecost (Series 2)

CAUSE / EFFECT

SERIES EXPLANATION

“Every why hath a wherefore.” That was Shakespeare’s poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both. If you want to effect a healthy heart, you need to know the causes of heart disease. Before a major purchase causes you to go into debt, you need to think about the effect it will have on your budget. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus’ life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that *“every why hath a wherefore.”* We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God’s kingdom.

Our worship follows this pattern.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Generosity / Gratitude</i>
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Promises / Prayer</i>
Festival of The Reformation	<i>Truth / Freedom</i>
All Saints’ Day	<i>Sainthood / Stamina</i>
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Grace / Joy</i>
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Judgment / Peace</i>
Last Sunday in the Church Year	<i>Scripture / Anticipation</i>

464 I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

CW 464



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a - gain, in whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; his mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, my ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free and wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for me,
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he died
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all:
 from the dead that I may rise for - ev - er - more to be



God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
 with cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
 sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
 with you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
 brought in - to sub - jec - tion for me by Je - sus'
 sun has brought sal - va - tion and ev - er - last - ing
 hold my bod - y, sev - er; then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 joyce for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

Text: attr. Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷Watch this! I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered.
They will not come to mind.

¹⁸Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever, because of what I am creating.
Watch this! I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness,
and her people will be a source of joy.

¹⁹I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,
and I will rejoice over my people.
The sound of weeping will not be heard in her again,
nor will the sound of crying.

²⁰There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,
or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,
for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man,
and one who fails to attain the age of one hundred will be regarded as cursed.

²¹Then they will build houses and live in them.
They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They will not build a house and have another person live in it.
They will not plant and have another person eat the crop,
for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree,
and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor only to receive nothing,
and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster,
for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD,
and their descendants will be with them.

²⁴Then even before they call, I will answer.
While they are still speaking, I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will graze together,
and lions will eat straw like cattle,
but the serpent will eat dust as its food.
They will not harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

“Celtic Praise” (Crown Him Lord of All)

All hail the power of Jesus' name, with praise before Him fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Beloved children God has called and ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, we'll crown Him, we'll crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting throng and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every nation join to sing in endless praises to our King.
Come, and crown Him, crown, Him, crown Him!

All hail the power of Jesus' name with praise before him fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!

Come and crown Him, we'll crown Him, we'll crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting throng, and crown Him Lord of all, Lord of all!

Second Reading

Revelation 22:1–5

¹The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. ²In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

³There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.

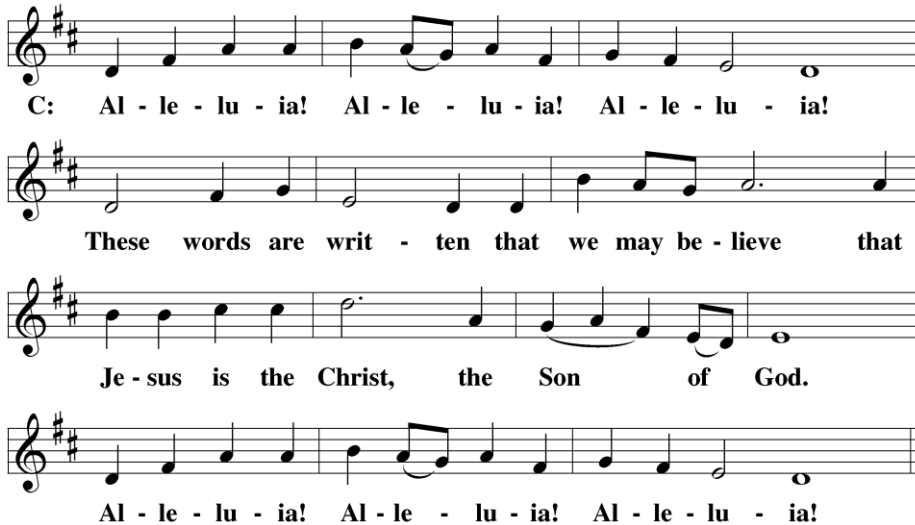
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 20:38

Alleluia. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷Some of the Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to him. ²⁸They asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, his brother should take the wife and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹So there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died childless. ³⁰The second took her as a wife, ³¹and so did the third, and in the same way the seven died and left no children. ³²Finally the woman died too. ³³So in the resurrection, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as a wife."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy to experience that age and the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶In fact, they cannot die any more, for they are like the angels. They are sons of God, because they are sons of the resurrection.

³⁷"Even Moses showed in the account about the burning bush that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord: 'The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all are alive to him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

882 What Joy to Join the Chorus

CW 882



1 What joy to join the cho - rus, to look in Je - sus' eyes,
 2 What love will then be shown us when we with them ap - pear!
 3 There love - ly harps are sound - ing, up - rais - ing mu - sic's voice,
 4 There God shall from all e - vil for - ev - er make us free,



whose blood and suf - f'ring for us have o - pened par - a - dise,
 They will not blush to own us as broth - ers, sis - ters dear.
 and there, in bliss a - bound - ing, we shall in God re - joice.
 from sin and from the dev - il, from all ad - ver - si - ty,



where pa - tri - archs are sing - ing and proph - ets raise the cry,
 We all shall come be - fore him who for us man be - came,
 The an - gels shall a - dore him, all saints shall bring him praise,
 from sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, from trou - bles, cares, and fears,



a - pos - tles, mar - tyrs bring - ing all praise to God Most High!
 as Lord and God a - dore him, and ev - er bless his name.
 and sing their hymns be - fore him for joy - ful, end - less days.
 and grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness and wipe a - way our tears.

Text: Johann Walter, 1496–1570, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963; (sts. 2–4): tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Musae Sioniae, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, 1609

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SERMON

PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

881 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

CW 881



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus



res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark
eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges
lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less



sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on



storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -
high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing



wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827

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PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



PLEASE BE SEATED

450 The Day of Resurrection

CW 450



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

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