



# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Cantique"

arr. Jan Sanborn

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**All: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

Liturgist: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**  
*Psalm 84:1-4*

\* **All Singing: 776 "A Mighty Fortress"**

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 516 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah,

**All:** **“Although our sins testify against us, do something, Lord, for the sake of your name.**

Liturgist: For our backsliding is great; we have sinned against you.

**All:** **You who are the hope of Israel, its Savior in times of distress.**

Liturgist: You are among us, Lord, and we bear your name; do not forsake us!”

**All:** **For the sake of your name do not despise us; do not dishonor your glorious throne. Remember your covenant with us and do not break it.**

*Jeremiah 14:1, 7-9, 21 adapted*

*Silent Confession and Reflection*

**All Singing:** Trisagion

Ortega

**Holy God, holy and mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Liturgist: The Apostle Paul writes, “I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award me on that day –

**All:** **And not only to me, but also to all how have longed for his appearing.**

Liturgist: The Lord will rescue me from evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever.” *II Timothy 4:7-8, 18*

**All:** **For do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers?**

Liturgist: No, it is you, Lord our God. Therefore, our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this. *Jeremiah 14:22*

\* **All Singing:** **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

Merker

*Soloist singing verses, all singing chorus*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

**He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast **(Chorus)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! **(Chorus)**

Liturgist: Galatians 5:13-18

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Parable of a Perplexing Preposition

\* **All Singing:** 627 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Association for a More Just Society

Soloist: “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire” Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love;  
my words are vain;  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be giv'n  
by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love  
guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

\* **All Singing: 959 “Glory Be to the Father”**

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

\* **All Singing: 933 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

Postlude: “All Glory Be to God on High” Friedrich Zachau  
“All Glory Be to God on High” Johann Walther

### Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Cora Varghese
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Russ Hollender
Soloist:	Marjie Coleman	Prayer:	Kara Van Marion
Flutist:	Lynn Hollender		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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