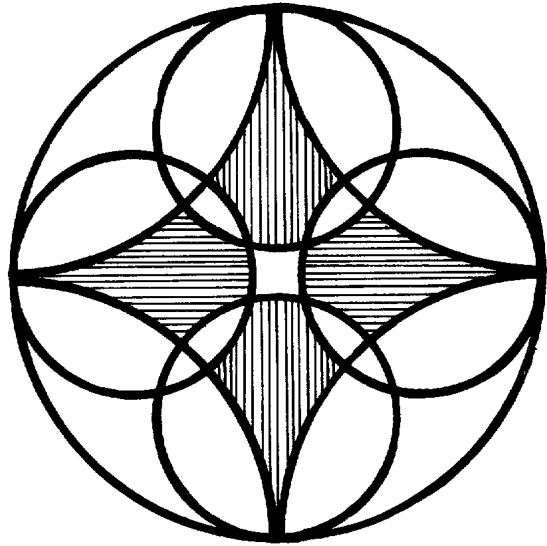


# Time After Pentecost

## September 5, 2010 9:30 AM

### WELCOME TO GETHSEMANE

In this season of Pentecost we celebrate God's pouring out of his Holy Spirit upon all people, renewing the face of the earth and nourishing us with his grace. Through the waters of baptism we each are blessed by the spirit and led forth to live a life of faith as God's children. Claimed, empowered, and sanctified we are sent out to be a blessing and engage the world as Christ did, with love and grace. Come Holy Spirit, come.



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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

D. Cherwien

### ◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of justice and compassion,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, We have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 685

GREETING

The grace given to us in Christ Jesus, the power of God who calls us with a holy calling, and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



*Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

*Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on this law they meditate day and night.*

**Refrain – ALL**

*They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

**Refrain – ALL**

*Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.*

**Refrain – ALL**

READING

Philemon 1:1–21

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may

become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

◆ GOSPEL

Luke 14:25–33

**The holy gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

◆ HYMN

*Take Up Your Cross*

ELW 667

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS ... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

◆ HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer II

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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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.  
Communion is served at front and back stations of the church.  
Pick up a clay cup found in the front pews of each section.  
Receive the bread and wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.  
Those not communing are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC            *Jesus Calls Us; o're the Tumult*            ELW 696

◆ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING ... **Amen**

SENDING OF HOME COMMUNION MINISTERS

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. Assist those who set forth from this assembly bearing your word and sacrament. Nourish and strengthen all who share in this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN            *For the Fruit of All Creation*            ELW 679

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live out your faith. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE            *Variations on "Take Up Your Cross"*            G. Damp

## **Worship Leaders**

*The entire congregation*

Pastor John D. F. Nelson, Preacher

Jeremy Wurpts, Assisting Minister

Paulette Dummer, Lector

Kati Kragtorp, cantor

Jeremy Hanson, organ

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## **Rally Day: The Great Gethsemane Get-Together!**

**Next Sunday, September 12**

9:30 AM      Worship

10:30 AM     Celebration

## **Worship Schedule beginning September 19**

8:45 am      Contemporary Worship

9:40 am      Sunday School and Adult Education

10:45 am     Traditional Worship

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## **FAITH IN DAILY LIFE**

*How the scriptures speak to your faith and life.*

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

1. Have you ever had to make hard choices that were good for you in the long run?
2. In this passage, God calls on us to “choose life,” meaning choose to follow his will. How have you chosen life in the past? What made it difficult to do?
3. God calls on heaven as a witness to the promise the Israelites made. Who is your witness that keeps you accountable to the promises you have made to be a child of God and be engaged in a Living Faith?

### **Philemon 1:1-21**

1. Is there anyone who gives thanks for the faith they see lived out in you?
2. Who do you give thanks for? Who has had faith when you needed a lift up?

### **Luke 14:25-33**

1. In this passage Jesus does not make it easy on any who would want to follow him. What has been the most difficult thing you have ever been asked to give up for something or someone you really cared about?
2. What do you think you would be willing to give up to follow Christ: time, possessions, job, family?
3. Jesus' point here is that one must put God above one's love for all else. What makes it hard for you to do that, and what makes it easy?

**Sunday, September 12**

Exodus 32:7–14

Psalms 51:1–10

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Luke 15:1–10



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