# The Christian finds rest in Jesus PENTECOST 6 July 9, 2023



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#### **HYMN: I RUN TO CHRIST**

CW 833

I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a refuge sure.

"Believe in me," his voice I hear; his words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief and find abundant peace.

"I too had tears," he gently speaks; thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul refreshed.

"Come unto me," he calls thro' strife; fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell and find a mighty arm.

"The devil flees," the Scriptures tell; he roars but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.

"Deliver me," I cry to him; temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense.

"I bore God's wrath," he pleads my case my advocate and friend.

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# (Stand)

#### **RESPONSES**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

#### TIME OF THE CHURCH

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

#### **PRAYER**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the

blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# (Be seated)

# FIRST READING: EXODUS 33:12–23 God's Presence gave rest to Moses

Exodus 33:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' <sup>13</sup>If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup>How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup>Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

<sup>19</sup>And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

<sup>21</sup>Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup>When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: REST IN GOD ALONE**

Refrain



**Tone** 



Truly my soul finds / rest in God;
my salvation / comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation;
he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.

Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;
my hope / comes from him. Refrain

Though your rich- / es increase,
do not set your / heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.

Trust in him at all times, you / people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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# SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:15–25A Only Jesus can give me rest for my soul.

Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup>And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup>For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup>but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup>What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25–30 Jesus invites us to enjoy true rest.

Matthew 11:25–30

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>26</sup>Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

<sup>27</sup>"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise be to you, O Christ!** 

CW 706

"Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."

O blessèd voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace, of joy that has no ending, of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto me, ye wand'rers, and I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus, which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness, and we had lost our way, but thou hast brought us gladness and songs at break of day.

"Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long, but thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
which drives away our doubt,
which, though we be unworthy
of love so great and free,
invites us very sinners
to come, dear Lord, to thee!

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**SERMON:** ...... Matthew 11:25-30

# CHRISTIANS NEED REST

- 1. A rest that will lighten your load.
  - 2. A rest for your soul.

(Stand)

#### **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**

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion. **Have mercy on us, Jesus.** 

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

# Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

# (Additional prayers may follow.)

#### OFFERING OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!

#### **HYMN: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA**

CW 814

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many' a conflict, many' a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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# PRAYER OF THE DAY: PROPER 9 (YEAR A)

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us. **Amen.** 

#### **HYMN: MAY THE PEACE OF GOD**

CW 929

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within his love. (Refrain)

And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.

We declare the name of the Lamb once slain— Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are, and this fellowship of his communion make us one in spirit and in heart. (Refrain)

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 106; 10:30 AM – 140

Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 97; 10:30 AM – 102

Sunday School attendance: Adults – 75; Teens – Children –

Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: John Floerke 10:30 AM: Owen Beilke/John

Sullivan

# **HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

Darhleen Spangenberg

Karen Barber

Wally Wahlberg

Patrick Walker

Marty Hartmann

Sandra Lederer

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN- Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class, 9:30a, NO Sunday School Today

TUE - All Meeting Night, 6p

SUN - Communion Service, 8 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30a

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Forward in Christ and February Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.

2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for July 15 will be captained by Randy Emmerling with Julie Emmerling; Karen Coakley; Mike & Jan Rondeau; and Jaime Duarte.

**DIVINE CALL ACCEPTED...**Pastor Clark has accepted the Divine Call to serve as the Discipleship pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marana (Tucson), Arizona. His last Sunday at Grace will be August 27 with a farewell and celebration of his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry to follow. We hope you will make plans to attend.

**SATURDAY, JULY 15 – WORKDAY AT GRACE...** Please mark your calendars for 7a.

**SCRIPTURAL CARDS** are available for purchase in the fellowship hall after the first service this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased individually or boxed.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE CHURCH CAMPOUT IS OPEN:** Register on the signup sheet in the narthex. The campout will be July  $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$  at Canyon Point Campground on the Mogollon Rim. Escape the heat and enjoy opportunities for fellowship with your fellow members. The cost is \$40 for families of 2 or more / \$20 for individuals. Space is limited to 50 campers, so register soon. See Chris Kallies or Alex Janosek for questions.

**CHURCH OFFICE** – Do you have a church question and want to call our church secretary Alice Thiesfeldt? Then you remember Alice retired at the end of May, so you wonder who you should call now. Wonder no more! Call Monica! Monica Assaker has been our School Office Manager since 2022, but Monica will also be happy to answer all your church-related questions or refer you to the best person to ask. Call Monica at 623-937-2010 and dial 0.

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#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

Need amounts are based on a goal of \$947,507.00 by 6/30/2023.

Partial Week ending 6/30/2023 (Fri): YTD 7/1/2022 thru 6/30/2023:

Weekly Need:	1,107.00	YTD Need:	947,507.00
Weekly Actual:	5,088.00	YTD Actual:	850,626.63
Weekly +/-:	+3,981.00	YTD +/-:	-91,792.37

Need amounts are based on a goal of \$947,436.00 by 6/30/2024.

Partial Week ending 7/2/23 (Sunday only):

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Weekly Need:	19,500.00	YTD Need:	19,500.00
Weekly Actual:	9,749.00	YTD Actual:	9,749.00
Weekly +/-:	-9,751.00	YTD +/-:	-9,751.00