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## **5th Sunday after Pentecost**

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

*Matthew: 11:28-30*

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## Welcome

**Prelude** “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

## Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

**C: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, 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.”

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

*Music will be played after the message. You may hum along.*

## Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.     **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

*(we will add your thankful prayer.)*

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

*(we will add your prayer.)*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

L: Peace of Christ be with us always.     **C: And also with you.**

## Communion

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, *(please lift the body of Christ)* and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**C: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.**

**Do this for the remembrance of me.** *(eat the body of Christ)*

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, *(please lift the blood of Christ)* gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

**C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,**

**shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

**Do this for the remembrance of me.** *(drink the blood of Christ)*

*Music will be played. You may hum along.*

## Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Postlude** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

### We lift our prayers

*Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Kelsey, Taylor B, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessoroff, Randy, Brian, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman and Kyle, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Wendy P, Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, and Rockford Rescue Mission.*