

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Worship Supplement - Series B

First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,
"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church — ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a

profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

⁶¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" — which is the first commandment with a promise — ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³ "What did Moses command you?" he replied.

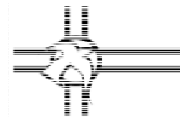
⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵ "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

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Welcome
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Christ's Love,
Our Calling.

To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

Dear Visitors:

- **The bookmark** in this service folder will guide you through our service.
- If you **need assistance** in worship, ask an usher. We offer worship partners.
- Before you leave today, **please sign our guest book**. It is located in the Narthex.

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We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

Suggestions for Pre-service meditation

Meditate on the readings (on the back of the bulletin cover) keeping in mind *Today's Theme* and the comments on the lessons written below. Then do the same with the words of the *Psalm of the Day* and the words of the *hymns*. Both are listed on the worship *bookmark*.

The Theme of Today's Service

God, our Father, calls us into his family and reveals his design for our families.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord speaks to us in his word:

The First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

Observe the care of the Creator when he created woman, marriage, home, and society. While God saw what was needed, he let Adam discover the need, then marvel how God's love met it perfectly.

The Psalm: Psalm 139b

Marvel over the Creator's work of our bodies with the ability to be his tools to create a child.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Sin despises submission to God and others. In faith we discover submission to Christ and his will is true freedom - freedom from sin and its loveless self-love. Worship Christ by submitting to your callings.

The Verse of the Day: Hebrews 2:12

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

God's perfect gift of marriage, children, and parenting are perverted, ruined, and destroyed by our self-centered sinful will. God, bless us and our homes through your good and gracious revealed will.

The Sermon: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

Blessed is the family that delights in living subordinate to Christ.