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# **Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost** **October 17th, 2021**



## HOLY COMMUNION

### IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

### AS WE GATHER

Some of the most loved hymns in the hymnal are in the “Evening” section, including “Abide with Me,” “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow,” and “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven,” set to the Welsh melody to which the classic lullaby “All through the Night” is sung. The evening hours bring special worship opportunities for God’s people. The psalmist writes, “Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!” (Psalm 141:2). May we be aware of God’s blessing of each day—especially the special hours of the evening.

### THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

#### OPENING HYMN

*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

LSB 435

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### KYRIE

*(Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”)*

*Tune LSB 744*

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,  
Receive our prayers and praise,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,  
For your amazing grace.

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

People: **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**GLORIA** (Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing") Tune LSB 380

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| 1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!"<br>God who flung the stars in space,<br>God who formed the human race,<br>God the mind and God the cause,<br>God the source of natures laws,<br>God of wisdom, power, and love,<br>God of gods, all gods above.<br>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!" | 2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!"<br>God who saw your creatures fall,<br>Loved them still, and loved them all,<br>Gave your only Son to prove<br>What is mercy, what is love;<br>And the Spirit, given free,<br>Recreates your family.<br>Angels, sing, and earth, reply:<br>"Glory be to God on high!" |
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**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to You. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM ~ Read Responsively**

**Psalm 27:1-10**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

**People: my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**People: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**People: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**People: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

**People: be gracious to me and answer me!**

Leader: You have said, "Seek my face."

**People: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Leader: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,

**People: O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

Leader: For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

**People: but the LORD will take me in.**

**All: Glory be 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.**

**EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 5:15-21**

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

***“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”***

LSB 868

**SERMON**

**CREED**

*(Sung to the melody “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”)*

*Tune LSB 802*

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| <p>1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive<br/>Their being and blessing, in You we believe<br/>Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,<br/>Provider and Father, our trust is in You.</p> | <p>2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,<br/>True Son of the Father, by angels adored;<br/>Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,<br/>And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.</p> |
| <p>3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,<br/>On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;<br/>You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,<br/>You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.</p> |   |

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Most high and holy God, we humbly ask You to accept these Your own gifts that we offer to You.

**People: And here we would present and yield ourselves to You, asking You to make us true members incorporated in the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that, in communion with Your whole Church, we may make a pure offering to Your name.**

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord, for the universal Church, that You will confirm it in the truth of Your holy faith, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world.

**People:** We pray You for those who are ordained to be ministers in Your Church, that by their life and doctrine they set forth Your true and living Word and rightly administer Your Holy Sacraments.

Pastor: Bless, we pray You, our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all our institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and all people.

**People:** Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people.

Pastor: Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous, and be with all who put their efforts toward any useful task. Give to all people the mind of Christ, and order our days in righteousness.

**People:** Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder justice and love among people everywhere.

Pastor: Remember the nations of the world, and let concord and peace prevail among them. Remember those who rule over us, and guide those who influence our lives through the media. Remember our children, our youth, the married couples, and those living single lives, the widows and orphans, and all those who are dealing with disappointments in life. Remember the sick, the suffering, and the persecuted and the dying, [*especially . . .*]. Send them help from Your sanctuary, and by Your Spirit, strengthen them according to Your gracious will. O Lord, hear our prayer,

**People:** and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy"*).

**People:** Hear our prayer.

Pastor: In this time of prayer, we commemorate Your blessed apostles and martyrs and all the saints who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are at peace; we praise You for the mercy and blessings shown them in their lifetimes and pray You to grant us to rejoice with them forever in Your kingdom. O Lord, hear our prayer,

**People:** and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: Finally, O Lord, we pray for ourselves and for all who confess the name of Christ, that we show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People:** Grant that we who now celebrate this blessed feast at Your altar may, at the close of this present age, be clothed with the white robes of those who shall join the marriage supper of the Lamb eternally.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING

### ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## SANCTUS

*(Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy")*  
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;  
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;  
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

*Tune LSB 507*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### AGNUS DEI

*(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")*  
Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,  
You bore the sinner's load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant Your peace.

*Tune LSB 702*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

### HYMN

#### **"Someone Special"**

AGPS 217

*Words by Jaroslav J. Vajda, Tune by Carl Schalk*

1. Someone Special, I know who: That Someone, my God, is You! Who could make a world like this  
And a heaven full of bliss, Someone special  
I must be, Since You made it all for me!
2. Someone Special, that You are, To create the  
Christmas Star, Herald the Savior's birth,  
Bringing peace and joy to earth. Someone special  
I must be, Since You made that Star for me!
3. Someone Special, who would give His own Son that  
all might live, And by Him would set us free  
From all sin and misery. Someone special  
I must be, Since You gave Your Son for me!
4. Someone Special, who would send His good Spirit  
For a friend, Faith Creator, Light and Guide,  
Always standing at my side. Someone special  
I must be Since You gave that Gift to me!
5. Someone Special – God and man, You were there  
when I began, You'll be there when I depart,  
For You live within my heart. Someone special  
now I see, That someone is really me.

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*Words and Music by: Twila Paris*

1. How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
2. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
3. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!  
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.  
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

HYMN

**“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”**

LSB 620

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.  
Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, direct us that in each day of our lives we find a new appreciation of Your goodness, and finally, after the close of our earthly days spent in worship of You and in service to others, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**People:** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

LSB 922



**OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**5:30PM SATURDAY**

**Alan Carlson**  
Elder  
**Peggy Baney**  
Guest Organist

**9:00AM SUNDAY**

**Ron Stimpson**  
Elder  
**Ben Christoffer**  
**Jaxson Schmidt**  
Acolytes  
**Gretchen Schilling**  
Organist

**Mike Beyer**  
Congregational Chairman  
**Rick Melius**  
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