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Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 17/18, 2026

As We Gather

God calls His people to lives that include showing respect for the authorities placed over us. At the time Paul wrote to his coworker Timothy, "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:1–2), the Roman world had been ruled by a series of tyrannical and cruel emperors for decades. When Jesus spoke of the duty of people to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21), the Roman emperor was Tiberius Caesar, portrayed by noted historians of his time, Tacitus and Suetonius, as a mean-spirited tyrant and a man ever ready to spill blood. Sometimes, in His providence, God shows His dominion in ways not readily understood and chooses to work through untoward and unlikeable people. He may even use non-Christian leaders and unchristian nations to further His gracious plans. In living as faithful citizens, we are called to carry out the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, including paying taxes. At the same time, we are to demonstrate our highest allegiance to God by being people of faith who evidence our eternal hope in Christ in all situations and who offer prayers for those who rule over us.

Chimes and Prelude

Please Stand

Opening Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 (sts1-3,5)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 Δ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
 Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna Text and tune: Public domain

Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

C The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

C May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!

P Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

C To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful, and we acknowledge that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to the lives of others, and we have not always kept the commitments we have made or fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to us. We do sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and full forgiveness in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P Our gracious God hears our pleas and accepts our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. To those who repentantly call upon Him, our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

C Amen.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

45 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
² "I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace.
² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in
our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know,
brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to
you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your
sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the
word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an
example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the
word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your
faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.
⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had
among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true

God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

8:00 & 10:30- Choir “Sing! Shout! Jubilate!” by D. Angerman & J. Martin

Please Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words.

¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Catechism- The Second Article

P As we bring our thankful tribute to our Lord Jesus Christ through our worship, let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, and in the words of the Small Catechism by Dr. Martin Luther confess what it means to have faith in God's only Son.

C **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Please Be Seated

Sermon Hymn

"I Was Made a Christian"

Verse 1

I was made a Christian when my name
was giv'n,
One of God's dear children and an heir

of heav'n.

In the name of Christian I will glory now,
Evermore remember my baptismal vow.

Verse 2

I must, like a Christian, shun all evil ways,
Keep my faith in Jesus, serve Him all my
days.

Called to be a Christian, I will praise
the Lord,
Seek for His assistance, so to keep
my word.

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Sermon

“Embrace a Spirit-Filled Life”

(Ephesians 5:15-21)

- 1) Time is precious; redeem it.
- 2) Stop being foolish; know the Lord’s will
- 3) Stop being drunk; be filled with the Holy Spirit
- 4) Embrace the fruits of a spirit-filled life

Responsive Hymn

“I Was Made a Christian”

Verse 3

All a Christian’s blessings I will clam for mine:
Holy work and worship, fellowship divine.
Father, Son, and Spirit, give me grace that I
Now may live a Christian and a Christian die.

Offering (Please place in the Box located in the Narthex)

Prayer of the Church



P With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church and for all gathered here together in worship, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the world in which we live and most directly for our nation, that we meet our various responsibilities and duties as citizens of our land, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the well-being of creation, for all coastlands and waters, for all fields and forests, and for our proper stewardship of the gifts given to us by our Creator as stewards of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the whole church, that it may grow and flourish even in those places where hardship or persecution is experienced by those who bear the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those who are injured or ill at this time, for those dealing with special challenges, for the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [*including . . .*], that they would know the comfort of Christ and the support and love of His people, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Remembering with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed and who dwell in light eternal, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, looking forward to a grand reunion in the courts of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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.



Service of the Sacrament



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-2*

Communion Statement of Love

We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in with and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. ²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves"* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). It is out of love and care for every baptized individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn:

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

LSB 732 (sts 1-6)



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y

not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

Verse 5

Well He knows what best to grant me;
 All the longing hopes that haunt me,
 Joy and sorrow, have their day.
 I shall doubt His wisdom never;
 As God wills, so be it ever;
 I commit to Him my way.

Verse 6

If my days on earth He lengthen,
 God my weary soul will strengthen;
 All my trust in Him I place.
 Earthly wealth is not abiding,
 Like a stream away is gliding;
 Safe I anchor in His grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, 1676, Nürnberg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Johann Löhner, 1645–1705; adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758 Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 784 (sts 1-6)



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Verse 5

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Verse 6

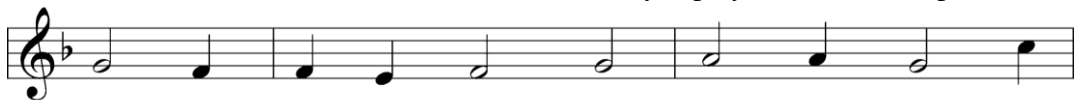
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79 Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787–1864 Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn: “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” LSB 623 (sts 1-5)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won-drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim Text and tune: Public domain

Closing Hymn “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus



Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give



thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__



strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,” _____ Be - cause of



Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am



what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, Grant me the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Guide my steps, renew my mind, and give me the boldness to be a light and a witness for Jesus wherever I go. Amen

Announcements

Postlude

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We would love to get to know you.
Scanning the QR Code will allow you
to share your contact information so
we can better serve your needs.



SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEK – October 17/18

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Donny Fox/ Mark Mau	Craig Kroeger/ Mike Rothschadl/ Kory Gerbick	Rob Cobine/ Tim Hamilton/ Jon Werkheiser
GREETERS	Neal/ Kris Wagner	Tom/ Carol Mau	Ryan/ Sue Amendt
USHERS	Brian Baumgartner	Eric Bader	Brandon Falk
ACOLYTES	Usher	Everly Keeffer/ Liesl Jones	Charlie Kent/ Adalyn Solverson
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Lee Ann Brinkmeier/ Jaren Jones	Korbin Winter/ Sam Cobine
ALTAR GUILD	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles

SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEK –October 24/25

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Tom Bannon	Dave Thompson	Rob Cobine
GREETERS	Tom/ Marquita Bannon	Eric/ Lindsay Bader	Rob/ Laura Cobine
USHERS	Jim Cox	Mike Rothschadl	Steve Levan
ACOLYTES	Usher	Charlie Kent	Tate Tessendorf
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Barb Harbach/ Evan Zier	Hudson Winter/ Sam Cobine
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