
✠ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
ORDER OF WORSHIP • OCTOBER 18, 2026 • 9:00 AM
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

The congregation sings each refrain. The choir sings the verses.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in endless praise.

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and confession

WL: Compassionate God,

All: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WL: Beloved children of God, hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,

but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Go now and sin no more.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 CHRONICLES 29:14-18

R: Our first lesson on this Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost is from the 29th chapter of First Chronicles.

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. Lord, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PARISH CHOIR and CONGREGATION

DEEP WITHIN

The congregation sings each refrain. The choir sings the verses.

***Deep within I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me, I will bring you back,
you will be my own, and I will be your God.***

SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17, 23-24

R: The second lesson is from the third chapter of Colossians.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

DEEP WITHIN

*All stand to sing: **Deep within I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me, I will bring you back,
you will be my own, and I will be your God.***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:34-40

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

All: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✝ MESSAGE HYMN ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE
LBW #102

✝ LWML PLEDGE

All: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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✝ LWML HYMN

LUTHERAN WOMEN, ONE AND ALL
STANZA 1

TUNE: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

All stand to sing:

**Lutheran women, one and all, we have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price, for our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim and unite to praise His name.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: 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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE

BOUGHT US

LBW 424, STANZAS 1-4

✠ DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray.
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with gifts of mercy and abundant life. All blessings are from you. Send us now to use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

✝ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

✝ SENDING HYMN

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE
BOUGHT US
LBW 424, STANZAS 5

**Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.**

✝ DISMISSAL

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

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