

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Strengthening Our Relationships  
October 16 & 17, 2021

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### AS WE GATHER

God has blessed us with life and all that we enjoy in life. One of the greatest things that God has blessed us with is our relationships. Of course, we have our families. Yet, there are all other kinds of relationships with people our Lord places in our lives. We have neighbors in our neighborhoods. We have people we work with and friends we spend time with. There are even the people we intersect with for short periods of time: waiters, hair dressers, auto mechanics, the clerk at the grocery store. Our God wants us to see all of these relationships as opportunities to share the love of Jesus with them in word and deed. May God bless us to be good stewards of all our relationships.

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY MOMENT – Missional Community, Heather Sanchez

#### LWML PLEDGE *Spoken By 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.

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #863 "Our Father, By Whose Name"

Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

**People Amen.**

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

Pastor: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

**People: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Pastor: Your decrees are very trustworthy;

**People: holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

### 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 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O God, your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us and other people in our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Be seated)

## ☩ WORD ☩

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20* (Enjoyment of life is a gift of God.)

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. <sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 4:1–16* (A Sabbath rest remains for God's people.)

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I

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swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” <sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” <sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. <sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. <sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 ANTHEM**

“Psalm 121”

Evening Choir

**10:30 ANTHEM**

“Know About Jesus”

4K Students

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 10:23–31* (With God all things are possible.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him,

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“Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

### **CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **“The B-I-B-L-E”**

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes, that’s the book for me;  
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help me see  
the love of Jesus, God’s own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

### **SERMON HYMN**

#### **“The Family Prayer Song”**

1. Come and fill our homes With Your presence  
You alone are worthy of our reverence

Chorus: As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
We will serve the Lord

2. Lord, we vow to live holy  
Bowing our knees to You only  
(Repeat Chorus)

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Bridge: Staying together; Praying together  
Any storm we can weather  
Trusting in God's Word  
We need each other  
Fathers and mothers  
Sisters and brothers  
In harmony and love

(Repeat Chorus)

Ending: We will serve the Lord.

*Christian Stewardship* is the *free and joyous activity* of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing *all of life and life's resources* for God's purposes.

**SERMON**                      **“The Stewardship of Relationships”**                      **Galatians 6:9-10**

(Rise)

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**OFFERING** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of life, we praise you for the gift of life and the many different relationships you give us in our daily lives. Bless our relationships with family and friends, with co-workers and neighbors, and even with the clerk at the store or the mechanic at the garage.

**People: Help us to be good stewards of all these relationships, enlightening us to see the opportunities to love and care for all people, and moving us to share our faith with others.**

Pastor: O God, with us salvation is impossible, but with you all things are possible. Give boldness to your Church to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose death and resurrection the way to your kingdom has been opened.

**People: Bless pastors, teachers, missionaries and all servants in Christ's church, that many more may come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, you have declared that the harvest fields are ripe and the laborers few. Therefore we ask your blessing and guidance to be upon Pastor Weston Wildauer as he prayerfully deliberates the Divine Call we have extended to him.

**People: Bless and be with the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as they hear the news of his call. Give them and us patience and peace and the conviction that your will be done.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, lead our households to find eternal rest in your Son and His Word. Give fathers and mothers diligence in teaching their children, and preserve us all from hardness of heart.

**People: Give us urgency in growing personally and sharing with others the good message of salvation today, tomorrow, and always.**

Pastor: Almighty God, guide our nation and its leaders in true wisdom to promote honest labor, temporal protection and fitting enjoyment under the sun. Guide your Christian people to serve Christ in their citizenship and callings.

**People:** Do not let our hearts be occupied with the vanity of riches that perish nor overcome with the pursuit of pleasures, but with the true joy of living in grace and living for Christ.

**Pastor:** When the righteous cry, you hear, O Lord, and deliver them out of all their troubles. Draw near to save the brokenhearted, the crushed in spirit, the sick and those in need especially Austin, Pat, Richard, Cindy, Helga, Steve, Ray, Judy, Don, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Cindy, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Give healing, hope, and peace in Christ.

**People:** Bless and comfort those who grieve, especially the family and friends of Versa Reichert, Mary Weigand and the family and friends of Nancy Luke, Don Horn and family at the passing of his granddaughter Jennifer, as well as Cindy Albrecht and the family and friends of Marilyn.

**Pastor:** Since we have a great High Priest, Jesus Christ, your Son, hold us fast in our confession through all temptation and preserve us from sin.

**People:** Give your blessing to all who draw near to your throne of grace, especially those who receive the blessed Sacrament this day, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Pastor:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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.

#### ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PAX DOMINI

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

#### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Be seated)

#### DISTRIBUTION

##### “This Is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

**Chorus** This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3 Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings (Chorus)

Bridge      Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain (Chorus)

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**HYMN #862                      “Oh, Blest the House”**

Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!  
  
Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;  
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!  
  
Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children’s foremost need  
And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav’n be lost!  
  
Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
And in their children’s lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.  
  
Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:  
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

**HYMN #744                      “Amazing Grace”**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
  
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.  
  
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
  
Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**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**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.  
  
God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.  
  
Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.  
  
Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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