

October 18, 2026 +Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God, **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.**

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. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“You Servants of God”

1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
2. Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have. The great congregation his triumph shall sing, as cribbing salvation to Jesus, our king!
3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
4. Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie - Kyrie eleison: Lord, have mercy
Christe eleison: **Christ, have mercy**
Kyrie eleison: **Lord, have mercy**

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 45:1-7 *An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9 *Ascribe to the Lord honor and power.*

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? Allelulia. You have the words of eternal life. Allelulia, allelulia.

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-22 *A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . . **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it by the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord let my heart be good soil.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic

Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the

body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Offering & Giving Prayer

God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Hymn

“Lamb of God”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, in the highest. Hosanna, in the highest.

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

The God of love draw us into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

The God of hope grant us strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

The God of grace ☩ bless us now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn “Have You Thanked the Lord”

Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord?

Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no tomorrow is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord?

Have you knelt in prayer?

and rejoiced that, rain or sunshine, our God is there?

1 Hallelujah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea, ev'ry star at night that shines for you and me.

Blessings so many come our way:

have you thanked the Lord today? *Refrain*

2 Hallelujah! Paradise we taste where we are; summer breezes, winter warmth are never far.

God's love is ever on display:

have you thanked the Lord today? *Refrain*

3 Hallelujah! Joy and peace the Savior will bring.
Grace amazing! So we lift our voice and sing, grateful
when clouds are bright or gray:
have you thanked the Lord today? *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to
God.**