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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS! We are delighted to have you join us for worship this morning. Please come and worship with us again!

Theme of the Day: Too often we believe money gives security and satisfaction and that it will make us feel like we are somebody. Yet only the LORD – the great “I AM” – provides these for us in absolute and eternal ways. That’s why we honor him with our wealth, with the firstfruits of our income.

The Preservice Music

A Time for Meditation

The Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

The Ringing of the Bell

Words of Welcome by Pastor Eric Obermann

Opening Hymn v1-2 #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Invocation and Call to Worship

Proverbs 3:5-10

P Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

C **And lean not on your own understanding.**

P In all your ways acknowledge him.

C **And he will make your paths straight.**

P Honor the Lord with your wealth.

C **With the firstfruits of all your crops.**

P Then your barns will be filled to overflowing.

C **And your vats will brim over with new wine.**

P Let us worship our giving and providing God.

C **Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**

Confession and Absolution

P In today's second reading Paul writes to Timothy, "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God." (1 Timothy 5:17) Forgive me, merciful and gracious Father,

C **When I put my hope in wealth.**

P And I look to money to provide security in a world with so much confusion.

C **When I put my hope in wealth.**

P And look to money to provide satisfaction in a world with so much pain.

C **When I put my hope in wealth.**

P And look to money to make me feel like I am somebody.

C **Lamb of God,**

P You take away the sin of the world.

C Lamb of God,

P You take away the sin of the world.

C Lamb of God.

P Grant us peace. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the grace and peace of God to you that comes through Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God – whose death forgives you, whose blood frees you and whose cross takes away the sin of the world. To the end that we honor the LORD with your wealth.

C With the firstfruits of all your crops.

P Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,

C And your vats will brim over with new wine!

The Hymn v3 #816 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

3 All praise to God the Father be,
 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.

 Alleluia, alleluia!

 Whom with the Spirit we adore

 Forever and forevermore:

 Alleluia, alleluia!

 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Lord God, Father in heaven, thank you for our Savior’s example of the widow who honored you with her wealth. By your mercies in Jesus, enable us to follow in her steps; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 22:1-9

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor meet together;
the LORD is the maker of them all.

The prudent sees danger and hides himself,
but the simple go on and suffer for it.

The reward for humility and fear of the LORD
is riches and honor and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the crooked;
whoever guards his soul will keep far from them.

Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it.

The rich rules over the poor,
and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of his fury will fail.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:17-19

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Mark 12:41-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

☞ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

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Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day

"The Earth is the Lord's"

Tune #802

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
Redemption reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year.
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your mission through excess and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give.
Extending your Gospel wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores.
And lovingly cares for these gifts that are yours.

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Sermon

“Giving Money”

Offering

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Prayers of the Church

P Almighty and merciful Father, we thank you for Solomon and trust in the wisdom you gave him.

C **Money won't make us secure.**

P “Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.”
(Proverbs 23:5)

C **Money won't make us more satisfied.**

P “Death and Destruction are never satisfied, and neither are the eyes of a person.” (Proverbs 27:20)

C **Money won't make us feel like we are somebody.**

P “Whoever trusts in his riches will fall.” (Proverbs 11:28)

C **Father, you are the source of security.**

P “The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” (Proverbs 18:10)

C **Jesus, you satisfy the hungry heart.**

P “The desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.” (Proverbs 13:4)

C **Father, in Holy Baptism we are indeed somebody.**

P We are your children, loved with an everlasting love!

P Into your loving hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your gift of Jesus and praying in his merciful and matchless name.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

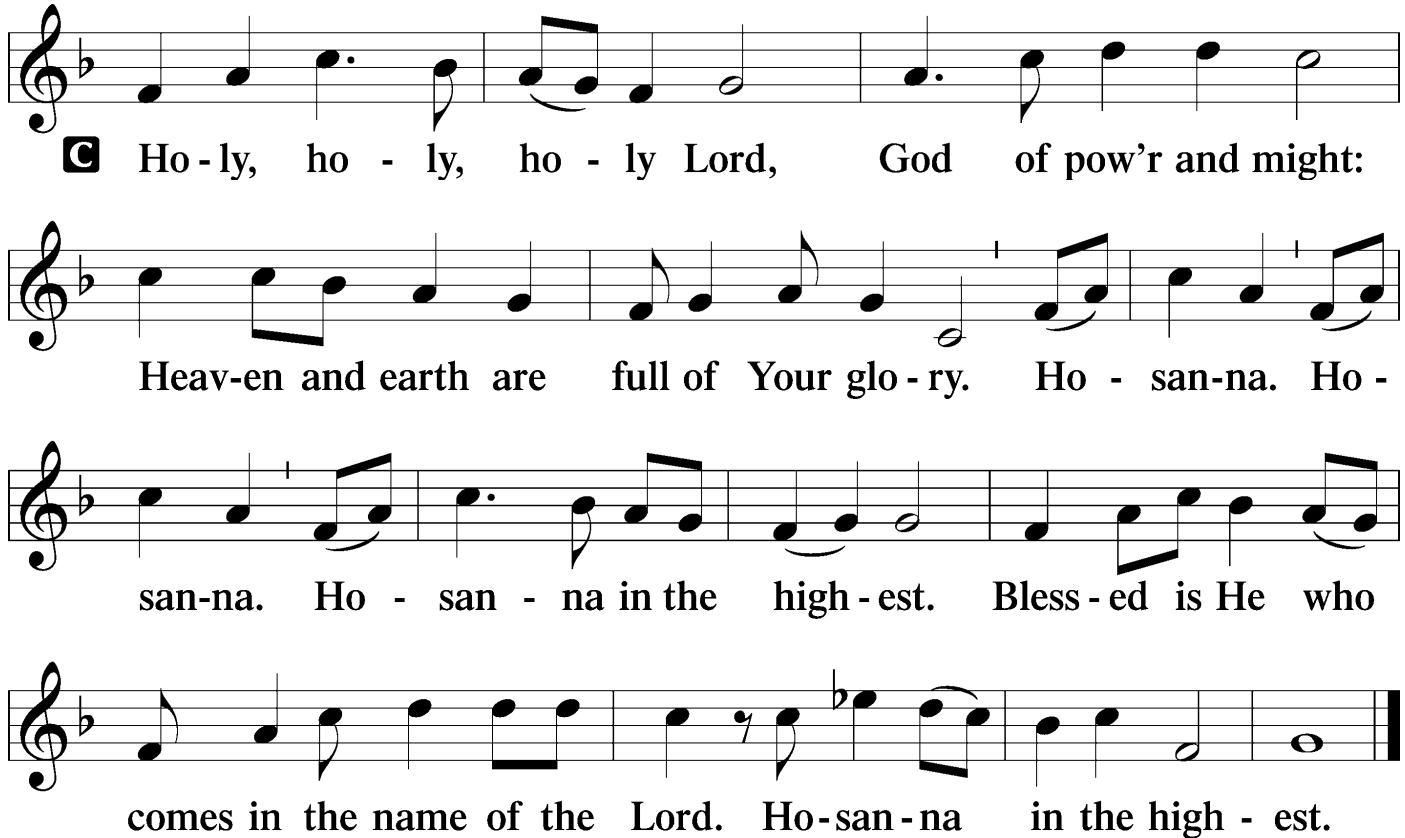


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and

with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and

the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Institution of Our Lord – *spoken by the Pastor*

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution & Distribution Hymns #789 “Praise and Thanksgiving”

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
 Father, we offer
 For all things living,
 Created good:
 Harvest of sown fields,
 Fruits of the orchard,
 Hay from the mown fields,
 Blossom and wood.

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
 We bring to serve You
 That with our neighbor
 We may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling,
 We would work with You,
 Harvesting, milling
 For daily bread.

3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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#619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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#695 “Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels”

1 Not for tongues of heaven’s angels,
Not for wisdom to discern,
Not for faith that masters mountains,
For this better gift we yearn:
May love be ours, O Lord.

2 Love is humble, love is gentle,
Love is tender, true, and kind;
Love is gracious, ever patient,
Generous of heart and mind:
May love be ours, O Lord.

3 Never jealous, never selfish,
Love will not rejoice in wrong;
Never boastful nor resentful,
Love believes and suffers long:
May love be ours, O Lord.

4 In the day this world is fading
Faith and hope will play their part;
But when Christ is seen in glory
Love shall reign in ev’ry heart:
May love be ours, O Lord.

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#771 “Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord”

- 1 Be still, my soul, before the Lord,
For God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray,
God listens and will hear.
- 2 You need not multiply your words
Nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands
The hunger of your heart.
- 3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence,
Your anxious thoughts at rest.
God knows your needs before you ask
And works for what is best.
- 4 Be still, my soul, before the Lord;
On God in patience wait.
God’s love, unseen, surrounds your life;
God’s help will not be late.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

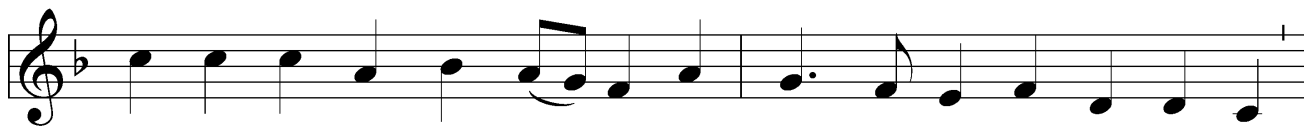
“Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

P One person gives freely, yet gains even more.

C Another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

P A generous person will prosper.

C Those who refresh others will be refreshed.

P May Almighty God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - empower you to honor him with your wealth,

C With the firstfruits of all our labor

P For the glory of God,

C And the spread of his Gospel.

P Amen!

The Closing Hymn

“God, We see What You Have Given”

Tune #686

God, we see what you have given. Signs of grace are everywhere!
All around are gifts from heaven – Gifts enough for all to share.
We are stewards of your bounty. Called to give as we’ve received.
And your blessings have been plenty. From the day we first believed.

We are stewards of the richness. That you send from heav'n above.
For in Christ, you gave up greatness. Humbly showing us your love.
In a manger – gift from heaven! On a cross – with love and pain!
You proclaimed we are forgiven. Now you send us in your name.

We are stewards, sent out sharing, Offering you our very best.
Through our serving and our caring, May we give as we've been
blessed.

God of love, may faithful living, Be much more than Sunday talk.
Send us loving, serving, giving. Help us daily walk the walk.

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