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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 9:00 AM

"Congregations joined in faith and fellowship to spread God's love."

AES Ministries mission statement

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

PRELUDE, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Left Column, ACS p. 8

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly stands. The service continues with gathering song.



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Leader or All



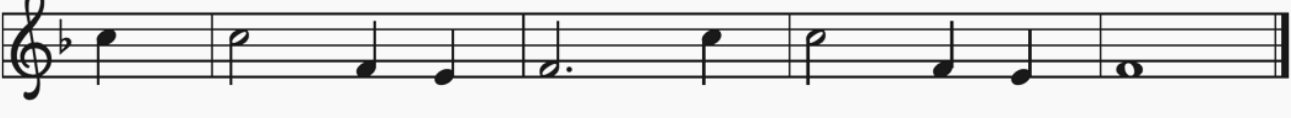
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

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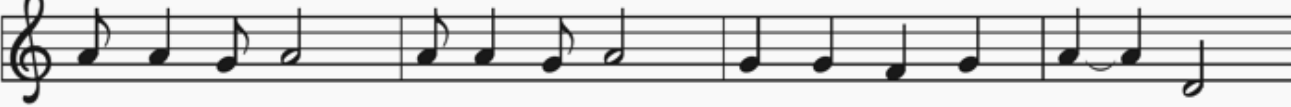
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Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

vs. 1 ACS p 12-13



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray....

C: 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

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; 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 riches hidden in secret places, so 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 give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things. L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God**

PSALM 96:1-13

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**
¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: 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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: Word of God, Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

ACS p. 14

The musical score is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 22nd Chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 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 are you putting me to the test, you

hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Commonwealth Is God’s Commandment”

ACS #1036

1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,

Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain

Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ACS p 17-18

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your Mercy . . .

C: Hear our Prayer

Prayer Concerns: *Carol Ann Ros, Dean Hoffman, Audrey Steinle, Jaymi Dader, Mike Menssen, Darrell Ask, Dennis Johnson, Jamie (Noren) Seiner, Marie Christenson, Phyllis Jurgens, Dave Finnegan, Tim Knaak, Don Flater, Bruce Ohland, Sam Christenson, Melissa Anderson, Steven Olson, Chloe Anderson, Orval Larson, and Emma Overson*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory Hymn

"Thank You, Lord"

vs 1 & 4 ACS #1092

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray...

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

ACS #1097

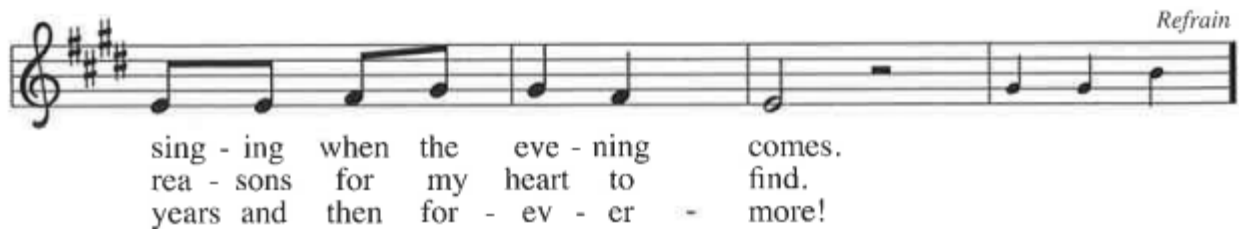
Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
soul will sing your praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand



DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

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Activities this week: October 19 – October 26

Monday 3:00 pm – (E) Study Group
 Tuesday 9:00 am – (A) Sewing Circle
 2:15 pm – Augustana worship on cable tv
 Wednesday 2:00 pm – Brandt Ridge Gift Exchange Game
 5:30 pm – (A) Meal
 6:00 pm – (A) ROAR / Confirmation
 Thursday 9:0 am – Conference Pastors, Madelia
 Friday 7:00 pm – (E) AES Youth Halloween Party
 Sunday 9:00 am – (A) Worship
 10:00 am – (A) Coffee Hour
 10:30 am – (E) Worship

Church Announcements

- ✝ **St. James Lions Fish Fry is TOMORROW at the Eagles Club** from 5-730 pm. Adults \$15, Ages 6-12 \$7 and 5 and under are free.
- ✝ **Confirmation is Wed., Oct. 21st at 2 pm at Brandt Ridge, and at 6 pm at Augustana.**
- ✝ Come join us **Tuesday, November 3rd** for the Augustana Churchmen's Annual all you can eat **Pancake Supper** from 4:30 – 7 pm. Free Will donation!
- ✝ **Wellspring Coffee & Conversation**, Fraud Prevention, Weds., October 21st at 10:00 am, Butterfield Community Building. Coffee and Cookies Served. Please RSVP Wellspring at [507-375-1276](tel:507-375-1276).
- ✝ **Calling all youth in grades 5–12!** Join us for a fun-filled **Halloween Party at East Sveadahl on Friday, October 23rd**, from 7:00–11:00 PM! Come enjoy food, fun, games, and fellowship! 🎉 Want to bring a friend? Absolutely! Friends are welcome, but they must be registered as well. Please register by October 11th by contacting Sandy Berg at (507) 381-8903. A minimum of 10 youth is required. We hope to see you there!
- ✝ **AES's Turkey supper is Wednesday, November 18th** from 5-7 pm. **Tickets are now available** for \$10 each from AES Youth in grades 7-12, Sandy Berg, or the church office. Come join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with us! Tickets must be purchased in advanced! Tickets on sale from October 4th – November 8.
- ✝ **Donations to Operation Christmas Child Boxes** have filled 48 boxes! Now donations or sponsors are needed for the shipping expenses. Shipping for each box costs \$10. Contact Rita if you can help! Send off Sunday is November 22nd.