



21st Sunday after Pentecost

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Embrace, Engage, Enhance, Explore

Prelude

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Welcome

Gathering Song

Take My Life/Holiness

Underwood

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

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

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. By grace you have been made well.

C: Amen.

D:

Greeting

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God,
and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

A Reading from Psalm 96:1-9

L: Sing Yahweh a new song! Sing to Yahweh, you lands! Sing to Yahweh; bless God's name. Proclaim God's salvation day after day. Tell God's glory among the nations; tell God's wondrous deeds to all people. For Yahweh is great; loud must be God's praise. Yahweh is to be honored and respected above all gods. All the gods of the nations are as nothing. Yahweh created the heavens; splendor and majesty are in God's presence, power and beauty in God's sanctuary. Families of the nations give all honor to Yahweh, give glory and praise to God. Bring gifts; bear them before God. Worship Yahweh in the sacred court; tremble before Yahweh, all the earth! - from *Psalms Anew*

L: Open your hearts, O faithful people.

C: We open our hearts to hear God's Word.

A Reading from 1st Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy write as follows, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that God has chosen you, 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. And you became imitators of us and of Jesus Christ, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of God 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.

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 and to wait for God's Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L: Open your hearts, O faithful people.

C: **We open our hearts to hear God's Word.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW 170

The Gospel according to from Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Temple leaders went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what Jesus said. So the Temple leaders sent their followers, accompanied by the Herodians, to Jesus, 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought Jesus a denarius. Then Jesus said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they Retreated from Jesus and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pr. Susan Kirlin-Hackett

Song of the Day

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686

Centering for Prayers

Hear Our Prayer

ELW 178

Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us , O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Special Music

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

C: **Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

C: **You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.**

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

C: **By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.**

P: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty and hungry, come!

C: Amen.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song I

This is Christ's Body

ACS 967



Communion Song II

Holy Spirit

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Blessing after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

C: **Make us living signs of your liberation, healing and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

Announcements

Sending Blessing

P: The God of love sustain you in the way, truth and life of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the gifts of the Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The God of grace + bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW 848

Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Georgia Balzarini.

Assisting in Worship

Senior Pastor	Pastor Bridget Misare
Pastor of Care	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
Preacher	Pastor Susan Kirlin-Hackett
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Organist / Pianist	Katie Walda
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