

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 11th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - The Greatest Thing

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance
of their Baptism.*

[P] In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

[P] Our help is in the Name of the LORD,

[C] who made heaven and earth.

[P] If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O
LORD, who could stand?

[C] But with You there is forgiveness; therefore
You are feared.

[P] Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and
receive the body and blood of our LORD Jesus
Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first
consider our unworthiness and confess before
God and one another that we have sinned in
thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot
free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the
infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father,
seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and
saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[C] Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive
us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

[P] Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son
to die for you and for His sake forgives you all
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of
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.

[C] Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of
salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of
righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a
beautiful headdress,

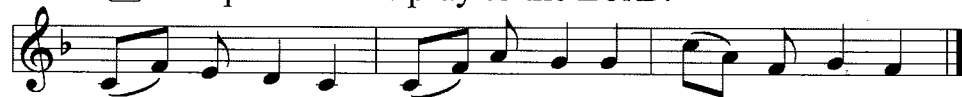
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my
being.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the LORD.



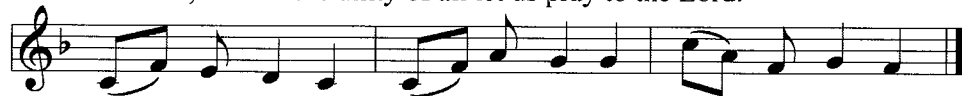
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the
LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and
praise let us pray to the LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;

3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored



Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,

You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high -

In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You
for our salvation. Deal with us not in the
severity of Your judgment but by the greatness
of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your
Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5th grade are invited to meet Jill Persson in the Gathering Space.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25 6–9

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4: 4 - 13

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse

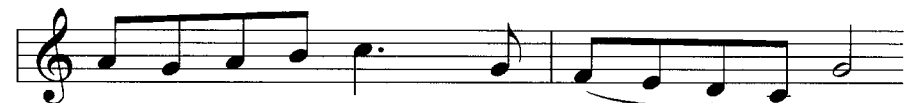
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C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

All: 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - The Servant Song

Sermon *"Earnestly Desire the Higher Gifts"*
1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Connection Cards

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Offering and Offertory Prayer

Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Announcements

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Closing Hymn - Sent Forth By God's Blessing