THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 18th, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✢ Preparation ✢

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Earth and All Stars

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

Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your

coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.
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.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

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.



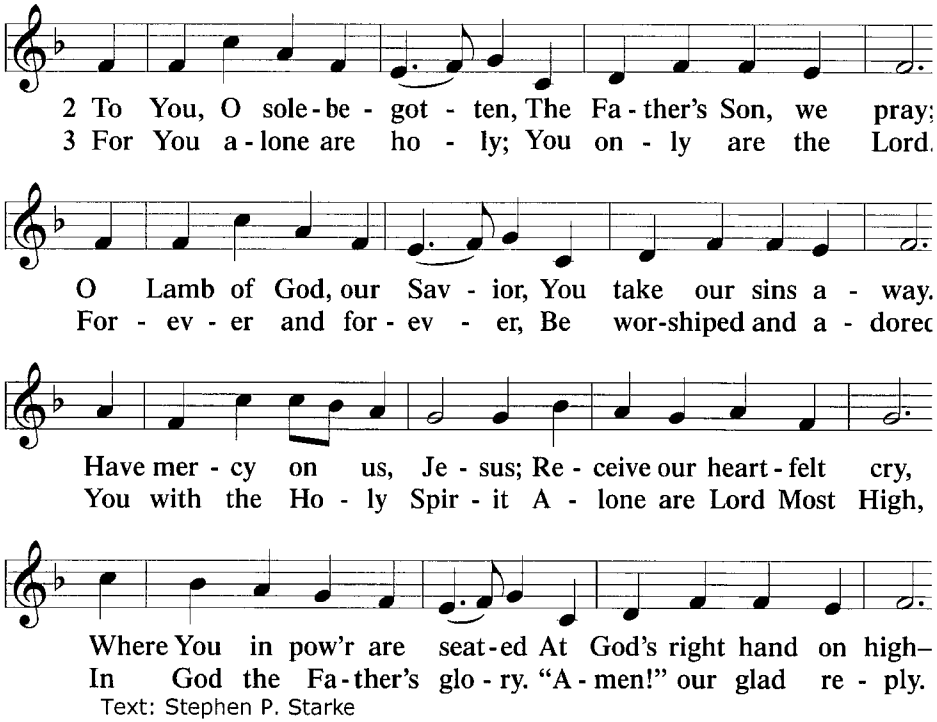
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A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.



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

Gloria in Excelsis



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.
O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45 1-7

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 96:1–9; antiphon: v. 9a

[1]Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
[2]Sing to the LORD, bless his Name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
[3]Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
[4]For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
[5]For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
[6]Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
[7]Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
[8]Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
[9]Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

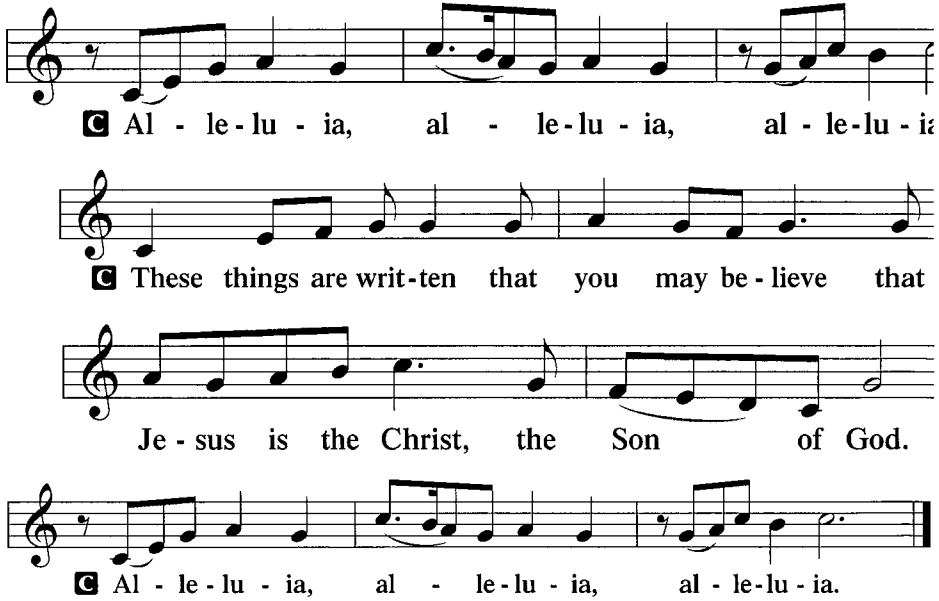
L This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:15 - 22*

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.**

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Sermon *"The Love Chapter" 1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

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 *"King of Kings" by Hillsong - Cathie Geske, Solo*

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful LORD, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Closing Hymn - Trees of the Field