

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

sell

whatever you have

give

to the poor

come

take up the cross &

follow me

Mark 10:21

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*As we enter the sanctuary, let us quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please consider wearing a mask, use sanitizer provided, and distance.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We are unable to share the peace as we normally do, so kindly offer a wave.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us offer this gift of God's peace to one another.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our comforter,

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in †Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

HYMN ELW#833

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

GREETING

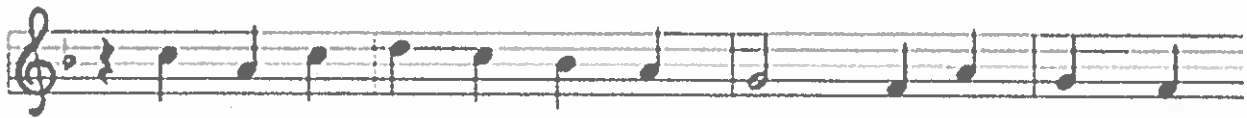
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray the prayer of the day together;

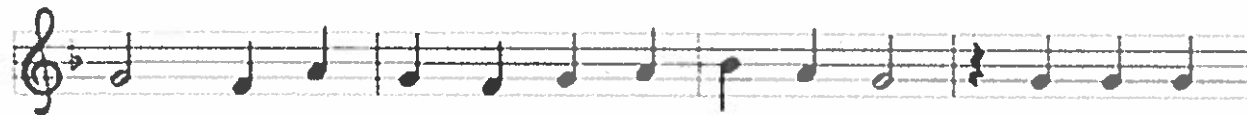
C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous,

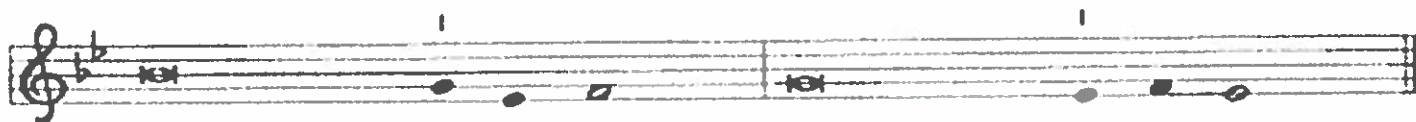
who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 90:12-17



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?
Be gracious | to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

SECOND READING

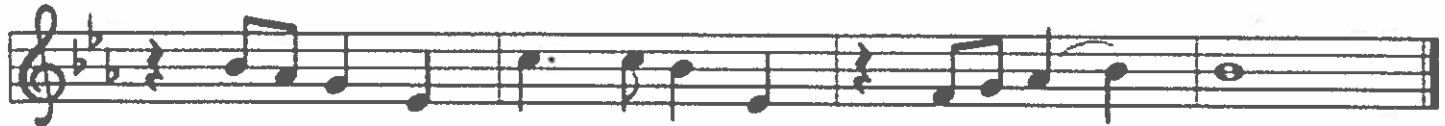
Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

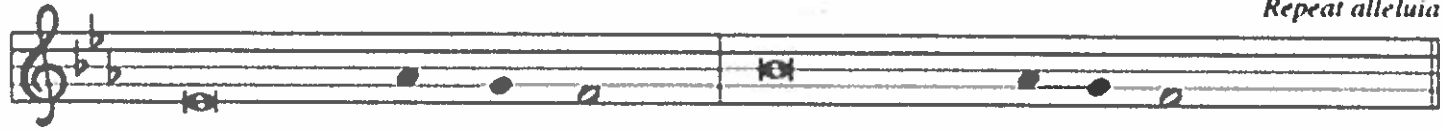
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C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



Repeat alleluia

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

P: The **HOLY GOSPEL** according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

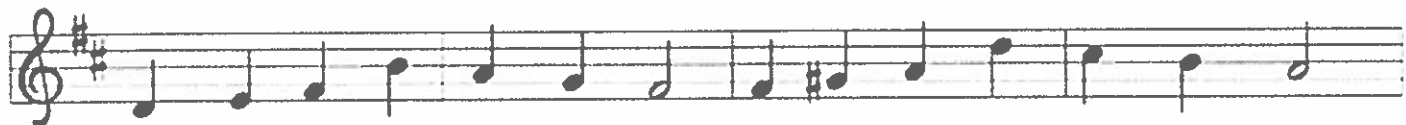
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

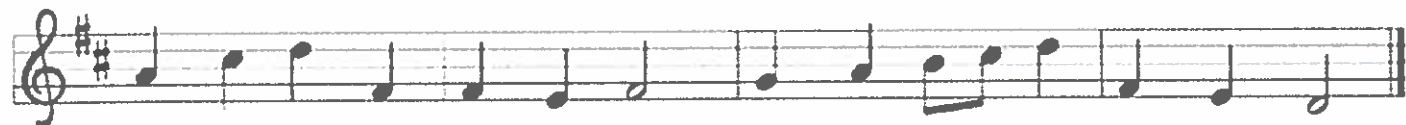
SERMON

HYMN ELW#685(NEXT PAGE)

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love: my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition of the prayers:

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Susan Czaja, Charlie Newsom, Linda Tyler (Dorothy's Sister in Law), Ken Waggoner (Fritzie's Son in Law) and for all our homebound members and friends. Those serving in uniform, for our enemies and those we find hard to love, and for all who travel

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY— *Love Offering for Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 3/4 time. The first two staves are in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The last two staves are in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. There are triplets and slurs in the melody.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in B-flat major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

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

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who are repentant of their sins and believe in the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the elements. As usual, the wine is the dark liquid and the grape juice is the light liquid. Please be cautious and only touch the cup you choose to commune with. Those who are not communing may come forward, with arms crossed upon the chest, to receive a blessing.


COMMUNION HYMN

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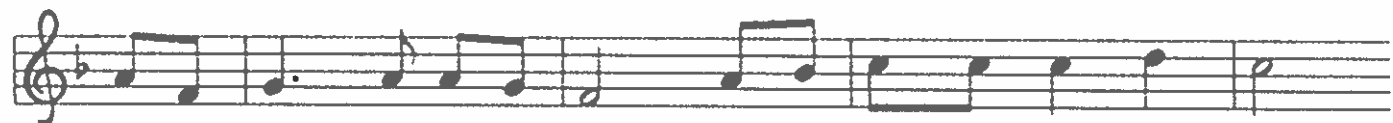
Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BENEDICTION HYMN ELW#705

God of Grace, God of Glory



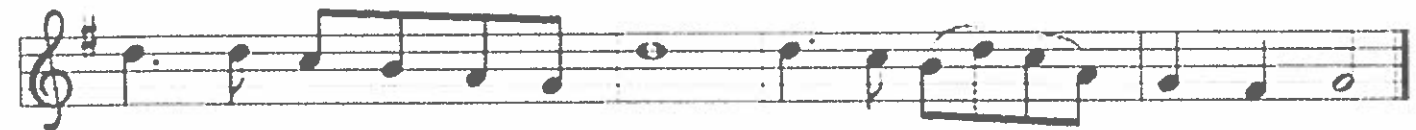
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry. on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness: bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r: crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore: let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age.



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sherman Gordius

Music Director: Dan Schmidt

Cantor: Mike Baker

Ushers: Roberta Dulaney & Kathy Owen

Lector & Lay Assistant: Frank Fusco & Kathy Arnold, chalice

Altar Guild: Carol Wheeler

Counters: Phyllis & Bob Hamilton

Ministers: *All the members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church*



Worship Team



*Altar Flowers are given today by
Ken & Eva Apel in celebration of
Eva's Birthday & Their Anniversary*



Annual Garage Sale & Bazaar

November 5th & 6th

8am-2pm

Lunch available



Sign Up Sheet for Volunteers is in the Narthex



The Annual Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for November 14th, immediately following worship service.

If you have a report to add to the Annual Report, please submit it **no later than October 24th-NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

COUNCIL IS IN NEED OF SEATS TO BE FILLED AS WELL AS SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES. PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE FOR THE CHURCH. THANK YOU.



We're glad you're here! Visitors are invited to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. Join us for fellowship after the service!

Thank you to Kathy Arnold for hosting today!

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Monday 10/11	8am-12pm 9:00am	Church Office Open WELCA Workshop
Tuesday 10/12	8am-12pm 10am-12pm	Church Office Open Pastor in Office
Wednesday 10/13	8am-12pm 9-11am 10:00am 1-3pm	Church Office Open Food Pantry Open Bible Study – <i>Come at 9:30 for meet & greet!</i> Food Pantry Open
Thursday 10/14	8am-12pm 9:30am 10am-12pm	Church Office Open Church Council Meeting Pastor in Office
Friday 10/15	8am-12pm	Church Office Open
Saturday 10/16		
Sunday 10/17	9:00am 10:00am	Worship Fellowship

Pastor Sherman's Schedule

Pastor Sherman is on-call and you may reach him anytime either on his cell phone: 1-970-380-1571 or his home number: (870)402-0088.

He expects to be in the Holy Cross office on Tuesdays and Thursdays but please call ahead to make a specific appointment time.