Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"God of Wonders"

(based on the recording by Shane & Shane)

Lord of all creation of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

(Chorus)

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy

(Chorus)

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Song:

"Holy Forever"
By Chris Tomlin

Verse 1
A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1
And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 1
And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Jesus, Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1
And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Chorus 2
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Tag
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Prayer Time Concluded with Our Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Song:

"You Alone Can Rescue"
by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin

Verse 1:
Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still
(REPEAT)

Chorus:
And You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

Verse 2:
You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still

Chorus:
And You alone can rescue
You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise
(Repeat Chorus)

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Welcome & Children's Time

Pastor Randy Bard

First Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows
bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not
reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make
all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may
abound in every good work. 9 As it is written,

> "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
> his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed
for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every
way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the
ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing
in many thanksgivings to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God
because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the
generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and
pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his
inexpressible gift!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 113: 1,2

P Praise the LORD!

C **Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!**

P Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Epistle Reading

James 5:1–6

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your
riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded,
and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have
laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields,
which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters
have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-
indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned; you
have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Reading *Luke 12:13–26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance
with me." 14 But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And
he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life
does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 16 And he told them a parable, saying,
"The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do,
for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my
barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will
say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be
merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things
you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and
is not rich toward God."

22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life,
what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food,
and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have
neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than
the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If
then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **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.

Sermon: Mine! The Lie of "A Comfortable Life" The Parable of the Rich Man
Pastor Randy Bard

Our Offerings to the Lord

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)

Benediction

Closing Song:

"Shout to the Lord"
by Darlene Zschech

Verse: **My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;**
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing**
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand,
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

(Verse)

Chorus: **Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing**
Power and majesty, praise to the King;
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Announcements

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