Twenty-first Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 17, 2026 - 4:00pm
Sunday, October 18, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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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*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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.**

Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 115

P Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,

C **For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

P Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

C **Our God is in the heavens;**

P He does all that he pleases.

C **Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.**

P They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

C **They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.**

P They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk;

C **And they do not make a sound in their throat.**

P Those who make them become like them;

C **So do all who trust in them.**

P O Israel, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield.**

P O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield.**

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

C **He is their help and their shield.**

P The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

C **He will bless the house of Israel;**

P He will bless the house of Aaron;

C **He will bless those who fear the LORD,**

P Both the small and the great.

C **May the LORD give you increase, you and your children!**

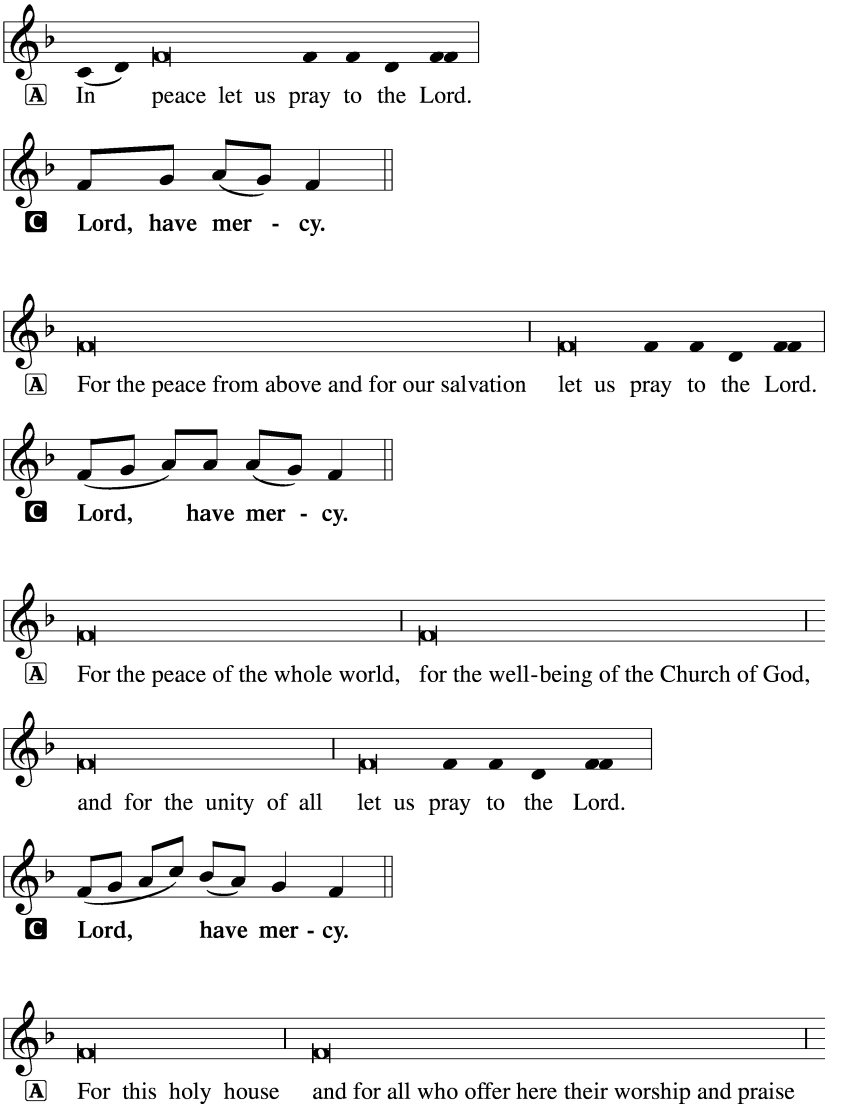
P From this time forth and forevermore.

C **Praise the LORD!**

C **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.

Kyrie

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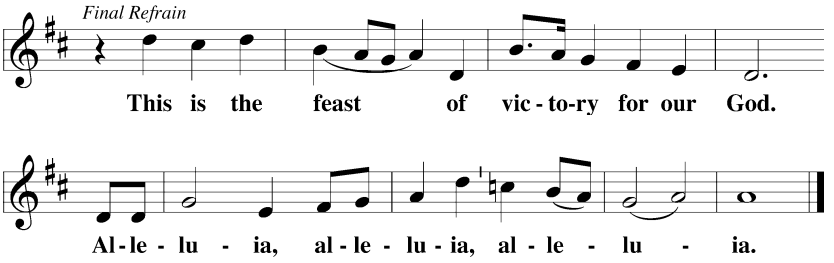




This Is the Feast

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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.**

Welcome

Saturday - Pastor Randy Bard; Sunday - Pastor Tim Eden

Children's Time (Sunday)

DCE Jeff Bellach

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:9–20

9 After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on
the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. 10 She was deeply distressed and
prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. 11 And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if
you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your
servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of
his life, and no razor shall touch his head."

12 As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. 13 Hannah was
speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took
her to be a drunken woman. 14 And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk?
Put away your wine from you." 15 But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman
troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my
soul before the LORD. 16 Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I
have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." 17 Then Eli answered, "Go in
peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." 18 And she said,

"Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

[19]They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. [20]And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 115:12–13

P The LORD has remembered us;
C **He will bless us;**
P He will bless the house of Israel;
C **He will bless the house of Aaron;**
P He will bless those who fear the LORD,
C **Both the small and the great. Amen.**

Second Reading

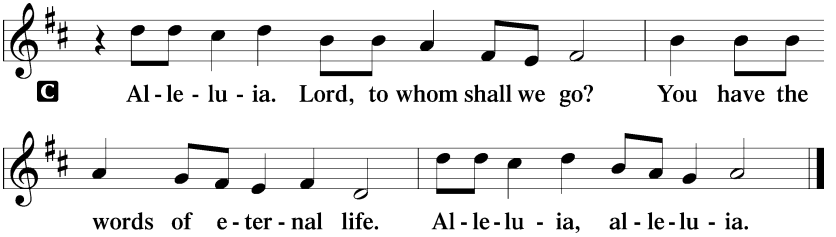
Acts 10:1–8

[1]At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, [2]a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. [3]About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." [4]And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. [5]And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. [6]He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." [7]When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, [8]and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:1–4, 19–24

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

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

1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by
them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.
2 "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you,
they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand
know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father
who sees in secret will reward you.
19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where
thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither
moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure
is, there your heart will be also.
22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full
of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in
you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he
will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **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.

Hymn of the Day: All Depends on Our Possessing

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Sermon: Mine! A God Who Keeps Account -- Jesus' Words Concerning "Laying Up Treasure in Heaven…" *Pastor Randy Bard*

Offering

(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)

Prayer of the Church

Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy." ***The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."***

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

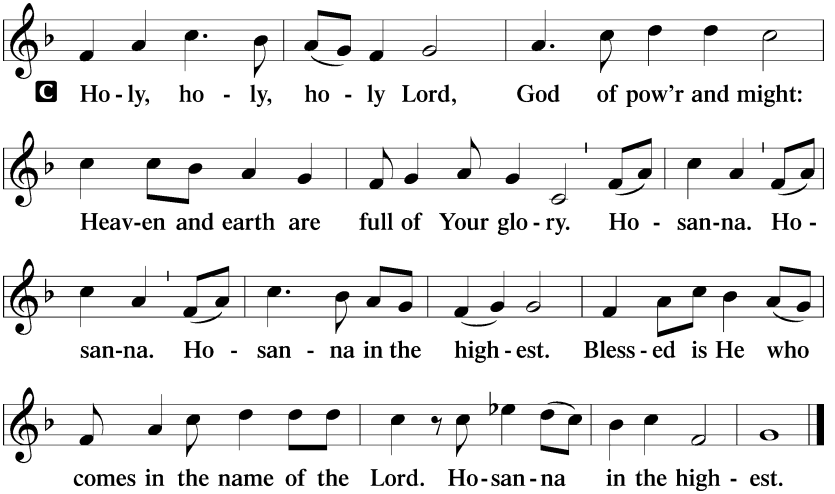
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

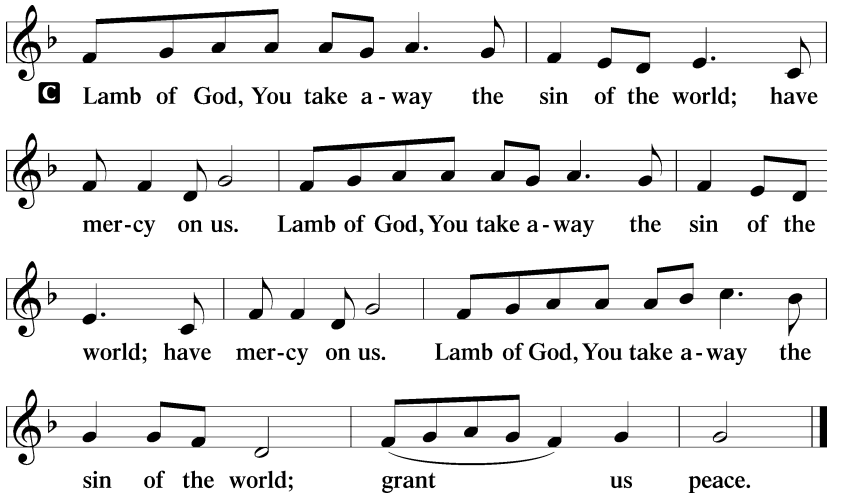
Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

The Congregation shares, "The Peace of the Lord."

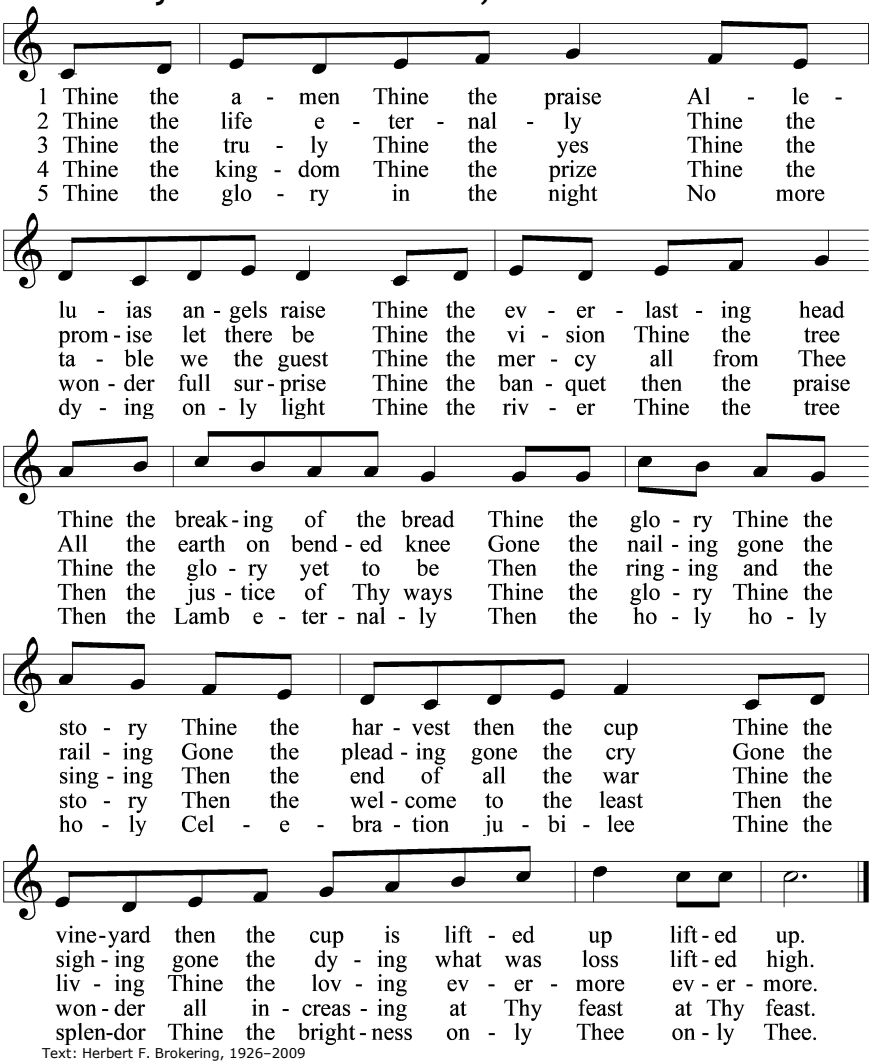
Agnus Dei *LSB 163*



Distribution of Our Lord's Supper

Distribution Hymn: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

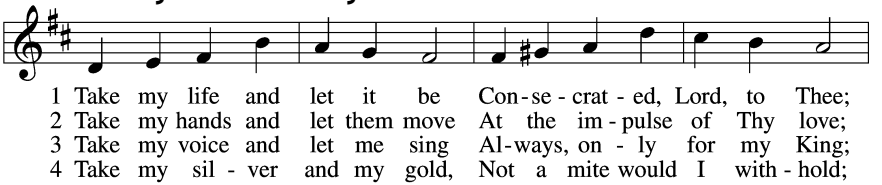
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Distribution Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

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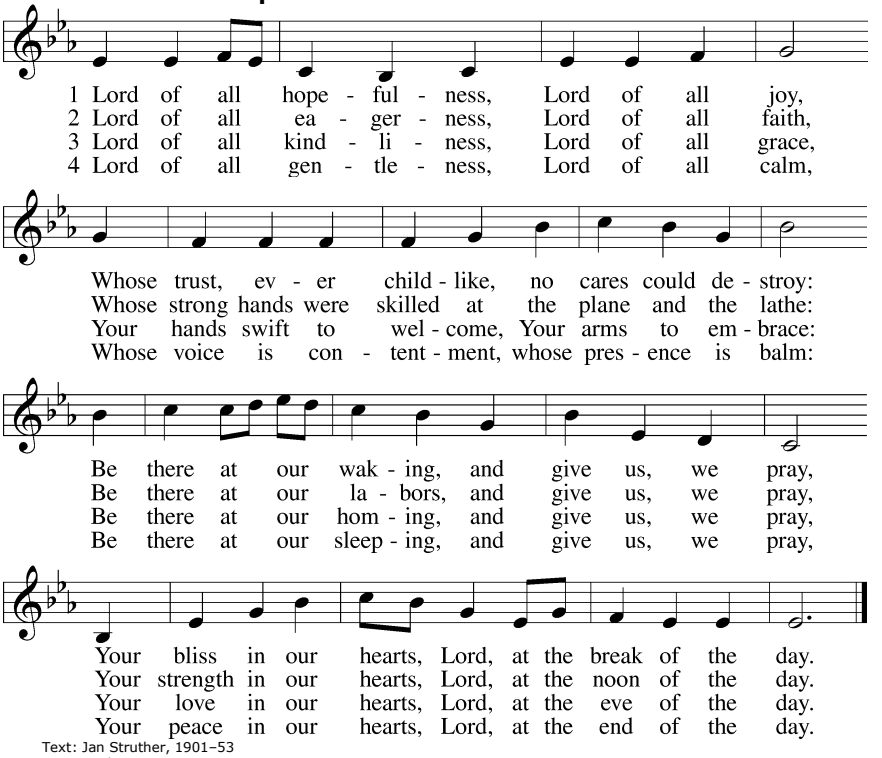
5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

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.

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Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness

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Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

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5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Benediction

Hymn to Depart: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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