Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2026

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:

"Here I Am to Worship"
by Tim Hughes

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see, Beauty that made
This heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: **So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down**
Here I am to say that You're my God, You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came
To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

(Chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

(Chorus)

Song:

"Crown Him (Majesty)"
by Chris Tomlin

Verse 1
Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing. Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King, Through all eternity

Chorus
Majesty Lord of all, Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings, O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

Verse 2
Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife. For those He came to save
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

(Chorus)

Bridge
All hail Redeemer hail, For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity
(REPEAT)

(Chorus), (Chorus)

Tag
Praise God who reigns forevermore
You're the God who reigns forevermore

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.**

Welcome

Pastor Tim Eden

Children's Time

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.**

Holy Gospel Reading

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.

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

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface Prayer

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,

C **For You have shown us mercy beyond what we could ever imagine. You gave for us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We thank You for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him Who comes to us in His body and blood. Amen.**

Pastor Speaks the Words of Institution

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you. Amen and Amen.**

The Congregation shares "The Peace of the Lord".

Distribution of the Sacrament and Songs:

"At the Cross"
by Darlene Zschech, Reuben Morgan

Verse 1
Oh Lord You've searched me, You know my way
Even when I fail You, I know You love me

Verse 2
Your holy presence, Surrounding me
In every season, I know You love me
I know You love me

Chorus
At the cross I bow my knee, Where Your blood was shed for me
There's no greater love than this
You have overcome the grave, Glory fills the highest place
What can separate me now

Bridge
You tore the veil You made a way, When You said that it is done
You tore the veil You made a way, When You said that it is done

Verse 3
You go before me, You shield my way
Your hand upholds me, I know You love me

Verse 4
And when the earth fades, Falls from my eyes
And You stand before me, I know You love me
I know You love me

(Chorus) (Chorus)

(Bridge)

"The Power of The Cross"
Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Verse 1
Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus 1
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross!

Verse 2
Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus 1
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross!

Verse 3
Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus 1
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross!

Verse 4
Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love!

Chorus 2
This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love, what a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross!

We stand forgiven at the cross!

Benediction

Closing Song:

"The Blessing"
by Kari Jobe, Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, and Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.
Amen, amen, amen.

Announcements

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