



Twenty First Sunday
after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson [BtR12]
ORLC Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✝ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

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GREETING

L: 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

L: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and to strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you

and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the Lord do all these things.

L: Word of God, Word of Life:

C: Thanks, be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics "Al-le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter-nal life". The second and third staves each contain three measures of "Al-le-lu - ia!" followed by a double bar line. The third staff ends with a repeat sign.

Al-le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter-nal life

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

L: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Reverend Bethany Ketchem

SONG OF THE DAY

The People Walk/Un Pueblo Que Camina, ELW 706

Refrain / Estribillo



Un pue - blo que ca - mi - na por el mun - do gri -
The peo - ple walk through-out the world to-geth - er and



tan - do: "¡Ven, Se - ñor!" Un pue - blo que bus-ca en es - ta
cry out, "Come, O Lord"; the peo - ple who long to claim the



vi - da la gran li - be - ra - ción.
prom-ise, God's lib - er - at - ing Word.



1 Los po - bres siem-pre es-pe - ran el a - ma - ne - cer de un
1 The poor ones of the world a - wait the dawn of hope, when
2 You broke the bonds of sin, un-tied the cap - tive's hands, re -
3 The life - blood of the world is shed in mind-less war; and



dí - a más jus - to y sin o - pre - sión. Los
jus - tice will shine and make op - pres - sion flee. The
leased us from fear and slav - 'ry to the law. We
fam - 'lies de - sire a home where con - flicts cease. With

Refrain / Estribillo



po - bres he - mos pues - to la es - pe - ran - za en ti: ¡Li - ber - ta - dor!
emp - ty hands of all are raised to you, Lord God: oh, set us free!
lift our hands in hope, we put our trust in you, O God of love.
all the world we lift our hands in hope to you, O God of peace.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Through the Earth Shall Change

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,...

Each petition ends with:

L: Hear us, O God,

C: *the congregation responds by singing:*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,



though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

L: ...we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

I Surrender All, arr. Robert Edgar Horton

ORLC Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'Great Thanksgiving' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Leader, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff is for ALL, with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Leader, with lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for ALL, with lyrics 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'Mmmm'.

Leader: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ALL: Mmmm Mmmm

Leader: 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 God, through our Savior, Je-sus Christ, who on this day over came death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

Sing each line twice



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r___ and might___



2. Heav'n and earth___ are full___ of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est___



3. Bless'd is he___ who comes___ in the name of the Lord___

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer -

- cy on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace,

Optional Repeat

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Abide with Me, ELW 629



1 A - bid with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bid with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bid with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bid with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

L: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

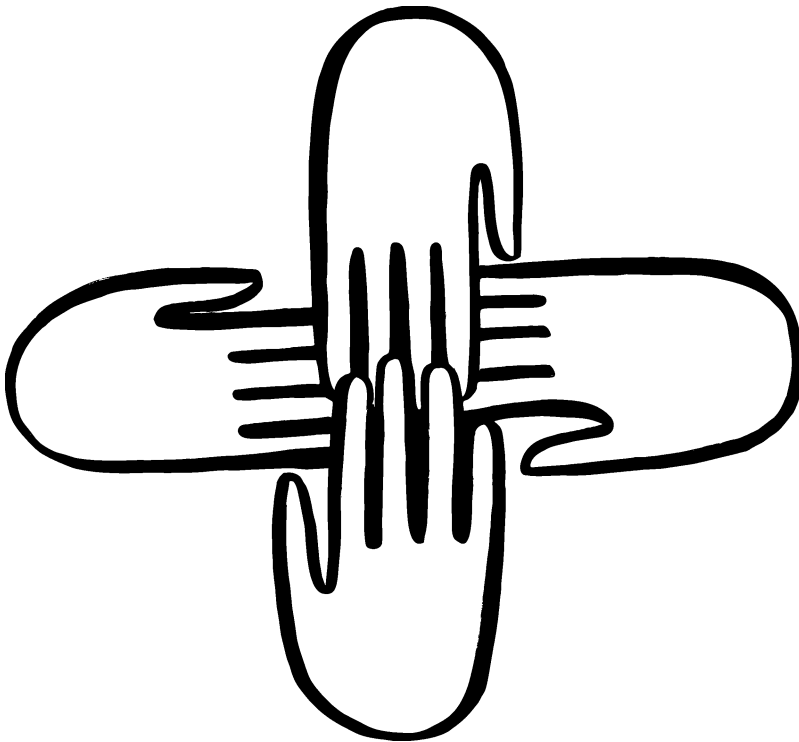
C. Amen

L: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C. Amen

L: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever..

C. Amen



SENDING SONG

This Is My Father's World, ELW 824



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

DISMISSAL

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Congregation Meeting will be held today after service during coffee hour. Please plan to attend to hear news about needed roof repair in the kitchen area.

ORLC's 20th Annual Crafts, Fine Arts & Bake Sale is coming soon: October 24th. We need your baked goods! You can drop them off at the church Friday night, October 23 between 4 and 8pm.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please thank Pastor Bethany for the many ways she serves our congregation.

2026 Fall Food Drive. Thank you to ALL who shared in the collection for North St. Paul Food Shelf. We received \$150 and so many food donations, it filled up a pickup truck. 380 pounds of food!

Prayers & Praises of the People:

- Prayers for Sherry and Jeff Pasket for their continued care.
- Prayers for Sharon Peterson as she continues to recover.
- Prayers for Kathi Kirchoff: prayers for her continued treatment.
- Prayers for healing for Judy Koza.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor	Rev. Bethany Ketchem
Worship & Music Director	Jeremy Mattson
Director of Choir and Handbells	Alex Carlson
Soundboard & Livestream	Beth Renfors
Lector	Joe France

Lessons for next Sunday, October 25:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Matthew 22:34-46

Next week's lector: Diana Ersfeld



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