

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

October 17, 2021
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn.....Gather Us In (532)
Hymn of the Day.....Here I am, Lord (574)
Communion.....Shout to the Lord (821) Twice
Sending Hymn.....We All Are One in Mission (576)

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Announcements

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of overflowing grace,

We come to you with repentant hearts. Forgive us for squandering the gifts of creation and hoarding the resources of our world. Forgive us for ignoring your call to care for one another. Forgive us for abandoning the goodness of your love. Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen us to serve you in all that we do and say, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In (532)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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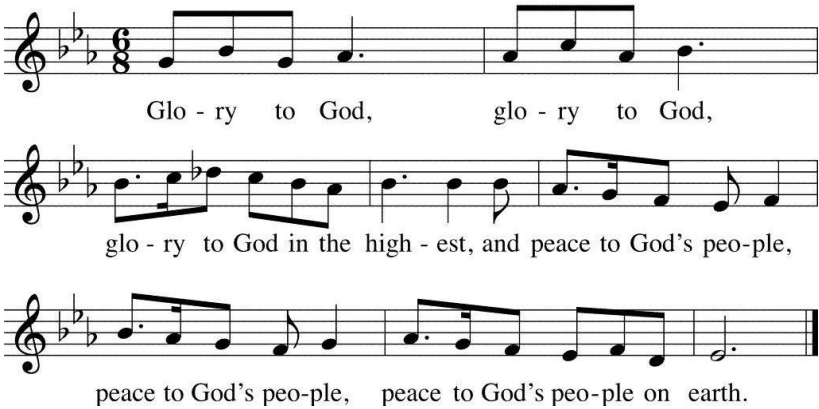
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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,
glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,
peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Dear God,

you speak to your people through your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us tune our hearts and minds to listen to him. Inspire us pass on your message of love to the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music "This Little Light of Mine" Children
Arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

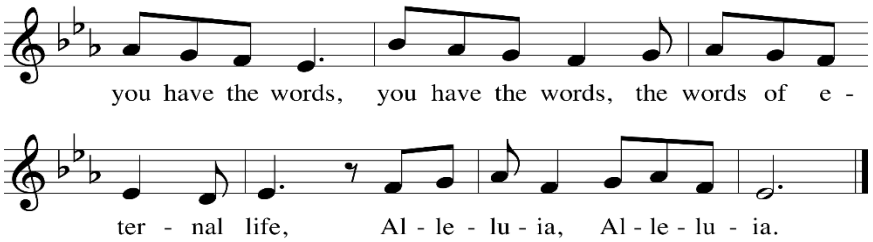
Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” ’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For



Gospel Reading

John 3:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Smith

Hymn of the Day

Here I am, Lord (574)

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

*Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and
all of God's creation.*

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*Those remembered in prayer this week: Larry Adams, Beth Ayen,
Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev
Godec, Steve Hast, Stewart Hellem, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser,
Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, Kim Parker, John Plump, Carlos
Quiles, Cerne Rieves, Rick Rogers, Bill Schultz and family at the
death of Arlene, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Warren Slagle, Cathy*

Stanley, Carol Thompson, Gail Tucker at the loss of her mother, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon and Ben Hayes, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

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 Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,

bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

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

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine, maintaining distance between households. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

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: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn

Shout to the Lord (821) Twice

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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The Communion Blessing

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

O God,

in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

We All Are One in Mission (576)

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to Cheryl Svoboda for this weeks altar flowers in celebration of Darcy Johnson's birthday

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THOSE SERVING ASCENSION'S WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Deacon: 8:00-Eric Johnson & 10:30-Lisa Wulf

Cantor: 8:00 & 10:30- Dan Miller

Ushers: 8:00-Brad Chewakin 10:30- Steve Tompkins

Lectors: 8:00- Katy Snider 10:30-Shane Coltrin

Communion Assistants:

8:00-Kirsten Johnson 10:30- Phil Trent

Bread: Sue Trinko

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