



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9-10).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

732 All Depends on Our Possessing

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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.**

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

Confession of Sins

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- 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

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit*Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5*

- P** The LORD is your keeper;
C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**
P I lift up my eyes to the hills.
C **From where does my help come?**
P My help comes from the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P He will not let your foot be moved;
C **he who keeps you will not slumber.**
P Behold, he who keeps Israel
C **will neither slumber nor sleep.**
P The LORD will keep you from all evil;
C **he will keep your life.**
P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
C **from this time forth and forevermore.**
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.**
P The LORD is your keeper;
C **the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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- A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



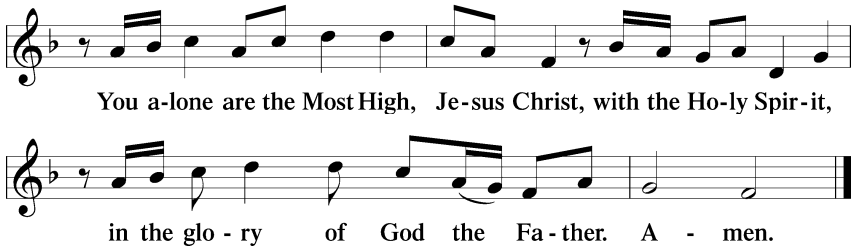
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

A The Old Testament Reading for The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost is from the forty-fifth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

²"I will go before you
 and level the exalted places,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
 that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make well-being and create calamity,
 I am the LORD, who does all these things."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

A The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
 Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning
 you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work
 of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
 Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power

and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C 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.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not

swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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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.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

Responsive Form

- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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 (Full)

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*LSB 161*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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 who



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Ic body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

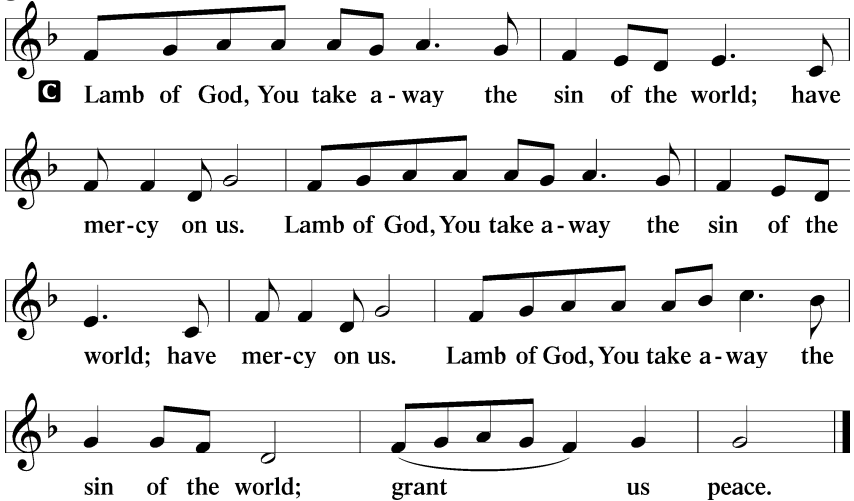
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

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Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and

blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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THE GLAD SPIRIT



Reformation Day
(Observed)
October 25, 2026

Service at 9:30 AM
Feast to Follow

Brats, Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided
Bring a German Side Dish or Dessert to Share



The Glad Spirit

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

October 18, 2026

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Sondra L. Budde of our congregation who entered eternal life on October 15, 2026 and will receive a Christian burial from St. Paul's altar on October 24, 2026 11:00AM. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family members and friends. We mourn and also rejoice with them in the resurrection promises of our Lord, Jesus Christ. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Michelle Michels
Cassandra Michels
Steven & Laurie Michels

Isaiah 45:5

**I am the LORD, and
there is none else,
there is no God
beside me: I girded
thee, though thou
hast not known
me:**

BIRTHDAYS

Dolly Tatgenhorst, 10/18
Nolan Gallagher, 10/22

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Sella, 10/20

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Andrasco, Sandy Bodza, Pastor Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirley Emerick, Pastor Fluechtling, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Marge Loitz, Beverly Oaks, Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Pastor Simon, Bill Sommer, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren & Chris Van Mynen, Jean and Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, Dakota Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Harrison & Arianna Cromeey, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

NEWS UPDATE



In The Zoom Room

Let's Discuss



Monday – Friday Devotions

Portals of Prayer 8:00am to 8:15am

Lutheran Hour 8:00pm to 8:15pm

For the Link:

Call or Text Church Cell: 312-533-1896

Email: letsdiscuss@splcms.org

Saturday Bible Study

8:00 am – 9:00am Women of the Bible

Contact Co-Hosts for more info:

Casey or Deb: biblestudy@splcms.org



St. Paul Book Club

Will meet on Wednesday November 11th at 10:00 am, to review *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.



We are starting a card ministry here at the church. We will be making the cards. This is why we would like to extend an invitation to join us on this journey. We will be starting in November, meeting at the church on the 1st and 3rd

Saturdays of the month from 10 am to 12 pm.

Casey Stonerock and Sandee Bodza are the co-leaders of the ministry. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact us at cards@splcms.org



We continue to help those in need with gift cards for food during the year and during the holiday season. Your monetary donations are greatly appreciated and much needed. Please help us help

others by contributing to Social Ministry marked on your Offering Envelopes.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and time seems to speed up this time of year. At the present time we are currently assisting 5 families. We try to get the gifts cards out to the families a week or more before the holiday, so they have time to plan and shop.

In the Church is a box marked OPERATION KINDNESS! Food donations of canned goods, Boxed meals, Snacks, Kleenex, Soap, Toothpaste are also collected to be passed out to Stock the local Micro Panties. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED.



Christ for You on KFUE.org the Week of October 18th

Last week, we began a new study of the book of Job on Sharper Iron, and that study continues with Job 3!

Issues, Etc. The Week of October 18th A Lutheran View Of Depression... October is National Depression Education and Awareness Month. You can listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression.



Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



U Q J P F L K C Z Q T A X E S
 Y N W N L O V Q P J H N J Z D
 Z A H R H A P C K B W K S E K
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TRUTH



GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



October 11th Attendance 22, 22 Communed, 5 Online

Budgeted		Non-budgeted	
Envelopes	\$915.00	Weekly Missions	\$65.00
General Fund	175.00	LCC	20.00
Total	1,090.00	Church Maint	10.00
Offering Needed	-1,342.00	Social Ministry	140.00
Short	(\$ 252.00)	Total	\$ 235.00



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	10:45 am	Council Meeting
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	10:00 am	Visitation for Sondra Budde
	11:00 am	Funeral Service to follow
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Reformation Feast

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Sun, Oct 18, 9:30 AM

Sun, Oct 25, 9:30 AM

Pastor Pastor Stumpf
Lay Reader Hope Krieger

Pastor Klein
Deb Brandy

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