

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

26 October 2025

9:30 AM- Livestream



Worship Team- 9:30 AM

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Welcome Table- Holly Oroggen & Judy Sitton

Cantor- Luke Nicolay

AV Guide-

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Thank you!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

Welcome

The PRESIDING MINISTER welcomes everyone.

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gathering Hymn

ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!

His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Greeting

Lead the Greeting and Prayer of the Day from the front center of the assembly.

The PRESIDING MINISTER and assembly greet each other.

**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

The PRESIDING MINISTER leads the prayer in these or similar words.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Josh Edwards

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Children's Response

Praise Him, Praise Him

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[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,

God is love, God is love.
Praise him, praise him,
all ye little children,
God is love, God is love.

First Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sherrill Heinz

[Camera- Lectern Center (8)]

A reading from 2 Timothy.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand now for the reading of the gospel.

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, 1954

Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

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Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel

The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims the gospel.

Luke 18:9-14

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Hymn of the Day

ELW 785 When Peace like a
River (*It Is Well with My Soul*)

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Prayers of Intercession

Jill Bentler

Response: ACS 1075 O God, We Call

Text: Linnea Good, b. 1962

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[Camera- Lectern (8)]

Lead the Prayers of Intercession, Peace, and Welcome from the front center of the assembly.

The ASSISTING MINISTER invites the assembly into prayer.

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you draw your church together as the one body of Christ. Bring congregations into conversation and dialogue so the church is transformed and reformed in your abundant grace. Give your bold spirit of servant leadership to all who guide the church, especially for our bishops, Yehiel and Jeff.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Sustaining God, you create all the beauty around us. We give you thanks for the harvest of your creation. Restore creation as the seasons change.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Governing God, you bring peace and justice through mercy. Guide judges, lawmakers, attorneys, and those in any authority to act with compassion and understanding. Grant wisdom to all in authority, especially our president, Donald, and our governor, Gavin.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Healing God, you comfort those who suffer. Console people whose lives are disrupted by cancer, disease, and illness. Bring your healing mercy to any in need *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Proclaiming God, you gift the church proclamation through music. We thank you for all music ministers of this congregation *especially for those whom we name before you...*

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

Transform your church through the musical arts.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

People of God, for what else do we pray or give thanks?

Pause for 15 seconds to allow assembly to speak or type those names.

The person offering the prayer or the ASSISTING MINISTER may conclude each petition:

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

Sung Response: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Baptism of Kortney Stafford

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Processional (3)]

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

L: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Kortney Stafford for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Kortney, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

In receiving the waters of baptism, God calls you to a life in Christ:

**to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.**

Do you intend to live out this calling?

Each candidate responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Kortney in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

L: People of God, do you promise to support Kortney and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

Pr. Ben Colahan

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 to the dead.*
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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Pr. Ben Colahan

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Pr. Ben Colahan

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Kortney, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Kortney with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Kortney, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Pr. Ben Colahan

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

**Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pr. Ben Colahan

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Welcoming of Visitors

Pr. Ben Colahan

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Talk (7)]

Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther, arr. Mark Hayes

FLC Brass Ensemble & FLC Sanctuary Choir

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[Camera- Processional (3)]

Great Thanksgiving

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

And now I invite you to join me in celebrating the mystery of communion, the revelation of Christ physically with us. Please hold your bread and your cup and repeat after me the words that Jesus command us to use in remembrance of him.

**On the night he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
Gave thanks, blessed it, broke it
and gave it to his disciples saying,**

**“This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

**Again after supper,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, blessed it
and gave it for all to drink,
saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

The Lord’s Prayer

[Camera- Altar Right (5)]

Remembering him therefore, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Agnus Dei

ELW Setting 10, p. 208

[Camera- Lectern (8)]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Songs

Beautiful Things

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[Camera- Processional (3), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

All this pain,
I wonder if I'll ever find my way;
I wonder if my
Life could really change at all.

All this earth,
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden
Come up from this ground at all?

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground;
Out of chaos
Life is being found in you.

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of dust.
You make beautiful things,
You make beautiful things out of us.

You make me new,
You are making me new. (2x)

You make beautiful things,

You make beautiful things out of dust.
 You make beautiful things,
 You make beautiful things out of us.

Oh Mercy

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There's a wall inside my heart; can't get around it. Keeps the two of us apart; can't get over it. But under my skin is where You begin, and Your kindness leads me now. Oh mercy; Jesus, Son of God. Oh, mercy, shine Your light on us. (Shine Your light) When You took Your broken heart and fed the world with it, you gave us all a brand new start. I can't get over it.	But under my skin forgiveness sets in, and Your kindness leads me now. Oh mercy; Jesus, Son of God. Oh, mercy, shine Your light on us. (Shine Your light) Jesus, Son of God, shine your light on us. And under my skin, your spirit within is leading me home. Oh mercy; Jesus, Son of God. Oh, mercy, shine Your light on us. <i>repeat</i> Shine Your light.
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Prayer after Communion

Jill Bentler

[Camera- Lectern (8)]

O God,
 through this meal you have strengthened us
 and appointed us to be your servants.
 Send us to do good and to share our possessions
 with all in need.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
 Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

God's Work, Our Hands

Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song

ELW 583 Take My Life, That I May Be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

[Camera- Musicians (12), Congregation Left (16), Congregation Right (17)]

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

Blessing

Pr. Ben Colahan

[Camera- Narthex (15)]

The assembly stands. The PRESIDING MINISTER proclaims God's blessing to the assembly.

Receive God's blessing:

A brief silence is kept.

**The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.**

Amen.

Dismissal

Jill Bentler

The ASSISTING MINISTER sends the assembly into mission.

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jubilate

Fela Sowande

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[Camera- Organ (11), Processional (3)]

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