

21st Sunday after Pentecost - With One Voice
October 18, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Diane Rauser

Liturgists

8:15 - Lois Kern

10:45 - Vickie Boelman

ELW= the red hymn book under your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book. A black Bible is also located beneath your seat.

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Creating and renewing God, You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose

love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, you are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **Amen.**

† Call to Worship

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

This is the day that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the world that God has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

**We are the people God has made, creative and generous,
made in the image of a creative and generous God.**

Let us rejoice! Let us create! Let us be generous!

Come, let us worship God!

† Gathering Hymn: As We Gather at Your Table

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As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;

may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Liturgy of the Word

† *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.**

† *Kyrie*



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, ... have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, ... have mer - cy:

† *Hymn of Praise*

Refrain:



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glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

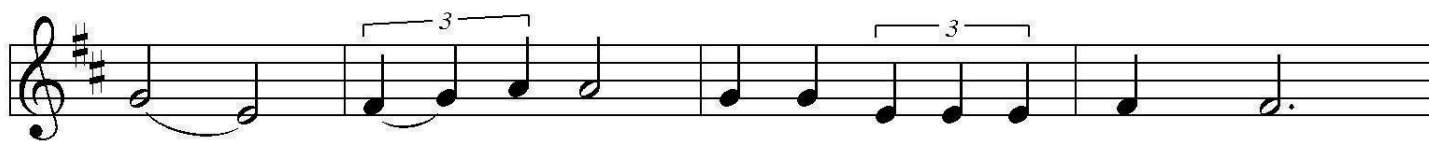


I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa - ther, we

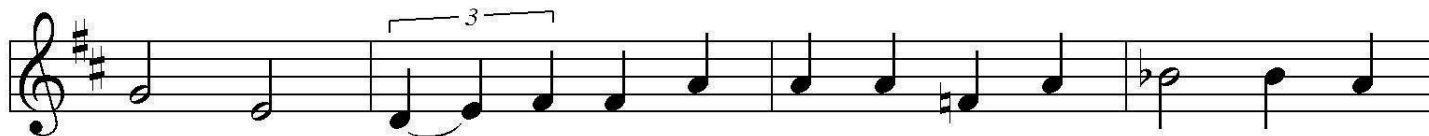


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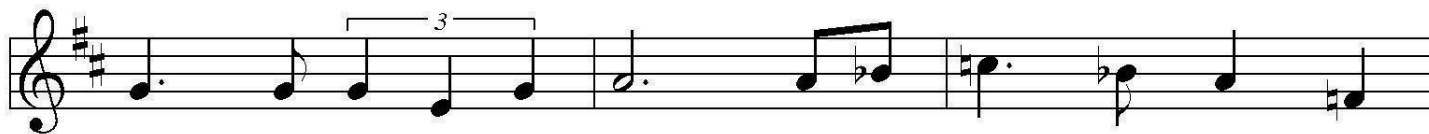
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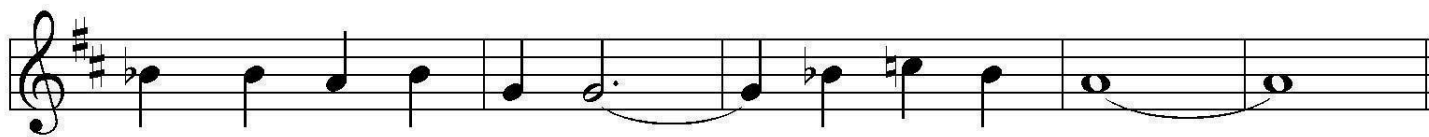
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.

Refrain

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II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

† *Prayer of the Day*

God of promise, Renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, serve, give, and do justice for the flourishing of all creation. Guide us in all we do and say this day and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Special Music: Someone Who Cares

Rex Ratzlaff

Reading: Joshua 24: 1-28

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the

officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.

²And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; ⁴and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

⁵Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. ⁶When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. ¹¹When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹²I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³I gave

you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Reading: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

† Gospel Verse



† Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 8-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 4th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;
⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Matt Hooper

Sermon

Pastor Katharine Yarnell

† Hymn of the Day: Lord of Light

ELW 688

Lord of light, your name outshining

all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun:
Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one:
Father, as in highest heaven,

so on earth your will be done.

† 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 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.

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 of Intercession

Confident that our Creator God listens and answers prayer,
we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Holy God, you ask us to decide each day whom we will serve.
Turn our hearts back to you and your reign of love and justice.
Turn our hearts away from other gods—attention, wealth, and
material possessions. Fill us with such love for you and our
neighbor that we cannot help but follow in your way. God of
mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

We serve you when we care for your beloved creation. Guide

us in our efforts to protect and preserve all that you have made. Fill us with wonder every day at the incredible beauty and variety all around us. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Make us your servants in the public sphere, so that by our words, deeds, votes, and engagement we may act in love, compassion, and mercy for all your children. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Make us your servants in our care for those who are sick, injured, or otherwise challenged in body, mind, or spirit. May we bring comfort and hope to all who struggle, especially Joan. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Make us servants who love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Open our eyes to all the ways in which we succeed and fail to do this, that we might discern with your wisdom how best to make choices that lead to the flourishing of all creation. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

Throughout history your saints have served you by loving you with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and their neighbors as themselves. Inspire us by their lives of faith, that we, too, might choose this day to serve you. God of mercy and grace, **We lift our prayers to you.**

God who created all that is, we place all for whom we pray, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts, into your loving arms. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

A Generosity Note

Carly Montgomery

Offering: *RLC Ministry relies on your generosity. You can make a gift in support of our ministry by placing it in the offering plates as they are passed, or by scanning the QR to give securely online. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.*



Offering Prayer

Holy God, we have chosen this day to serve you, rather than worldly powers and material possessions. We offer now these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness, and ask that you would bless them and use them for the good of all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

† Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

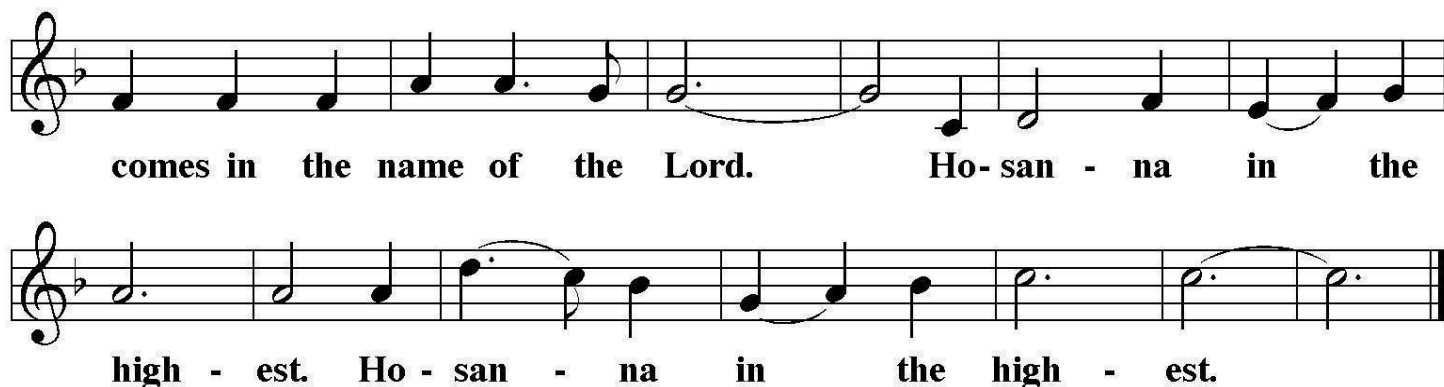
† Proper Preface

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

† Holy, Holy, Holy

Musical notation for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: '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 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'.

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† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer / Padrenuestro

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.

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine/juice with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Song: *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
 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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love thee,
 truly I'd serve thee,
 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
 fair are the woodlands,
 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

Siblings in Christ, the service has ended; now the wider service begins. Go now in peace, just as you are – God's children, creative and generous, made in the image of a creative and generous God. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

† Sending Hymn: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat*
The angels are not sent

into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *Repeat*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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