

**Grow ... Go ... Gather**  
**October 17, 2021**



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(LCMS)**

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# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

## The Order of Service (DS 1)

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### Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

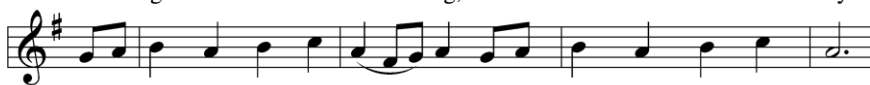
### The Opening Hymn: LSB 906, "O Day of Rest and Gladness"



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
△ 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**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.

## Confession and Absolution

- 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.
- 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.

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

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



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** 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.

- P** 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.

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



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155





1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Old Testament Lesson:** *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**A Hymn:** LSB 712, "Seek Ye First"

### **Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you  
Allelu alleluia

## Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
From the mouth of God  
Allelu alleluia

## Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you  
Allelu alleluia

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## The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 4:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." <sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has

entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### The Alleluia and Verse

**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.

### The Holy Gospel Lesson: *Mark 10:23–31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said



to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Sermon Hymn: LSB 690, "Hope of the World"**



1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion;  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
 Bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
 Show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light,  
 From death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
 Who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,



Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 We ren - der back the love Thy mer - cy gave us;  
 We would be faith - ful to Thy Gos - pel glo - rious.



Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.  
 Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.  
 Thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

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***(KIDZ TIME – PK-Grade 2 are invited to participate in KIDZ TIME.)***

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** (on the back cover of the hymnal)

**The Offering**

**The Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (on the back cover of the hymnal)

**A Hymn: LSB 770, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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## The Announcements and Blessing of Online Worshippers

### ✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### The Preface *LSB 160*

**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.

**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 singing:

## Sanctus

LSB 161



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  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

**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.

## The Words of Institution

### The Pax Domini *LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### The Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

**C** 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.

## The Distribution

### Choral Anthem: "Praise the Lord"

During the Distribution we sing;

LSB 617, "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 738, "Lord of All Hopefulness"

## LSB 617, O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## LSB 738, Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
 Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## The Post-Communion Canticle *LSB 164*



**☞** 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.

## The Post- Communion Prayer

**☞** 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.

**C Amen.**

### The Benediction *LSB 166*

**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.



**C** A - men.

### The Closing Hymn: *LSB 553, "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire"*



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -  
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The  
4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the  
bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in  
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the  
purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:  
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.  
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.  
fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.



5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
Our future great reward;  
Our only glory, may it be  
To glory in the Lord!

△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;  
All glory ever be  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Through all eternity!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra will be on vacation October 14-28.** If you are in need of

pastoral care, please contact one of our Deacons:

Craig Popma 531-6481,

Bryan Ensing 589-6925,

Jerry Talen 826-7342,

John Weiss 773-0805.

### Events of the Week: October 17 - 24

**TODAY:** **KIDZ TIME** during the sermon, PK – 2nd  
**11:00 a.m.** Coffee Hour

**Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship  
Service w/ Holy Communion

**Wed:** **10:00 a.m.** Bible Study w/ Darrell

**Thursday:** **6:00 p.m.** Bells  
**7:15 p.m.** Adult Choir

**Friday:** Pastor's Day off

**Sunday:** **9:30 a.m.** WORSHIP at St. James & FBL.  
**11:00 a.m.** Sunday School, PK-4<sup>th</sup>.

### Those who serve Today:

**Deacons:** Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Jim & Nancy, Grace, Orlin

**Lector:** Cindy McAuliffe

**Those who serve October 24:**

**Deacon:** Craig Popma

**Ushers:** Nate, Kim, Hayden and Heath Urbanski

**Lector:** Carol Bifulco

**October Altar Guild:** Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** October 10, 2021

General Fund	\$5,173.00
Future Building Expansion	225.00
ISJ Academy	50.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	25.00
<u>Plate Collections</u>	<u>870.00</u>
	Total: \$6,343.00
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>828.75</u>
	Total: \$7,171.75

**FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP:** October 3, 2021

General Fund	\$3,520.00
<u>Plate Collections</u>	<u>20.00</u>
	Total: \$3,540.00
<u>On-line giving</u>	<u>75.00</u>
	Total: \$3,615.00

**ADDRESS CHANGE:**

Donna Nacke has a new address. Donna is at Pilgrim Manner located at:

2000 Leonard St. NE, Room 104  
Grand Rapids, MI, 49505.

Please note this change in your church directory.

**THANK YOU** Pastor Blain for presiding over our worship service today. We are blessed and thankful for your dedication and service to the Lord through preaching.



## **TRUNKS of TREATS**

### **St. James Lutheran Outreach**

### **Saturday, Oct. 30th, 2:30-4pm**

- \***Cars:** decorated (even slightly) & “socially distanced”, let's fill the lots!
- \***Parking Lots:** clearly marked as to entrance, exit, and flow of foot traffic, etc.
- \***Costumes:** optional, but fun!?
- \***Face Masks:** optional
- \***Candy:** for approx. 250 guests, individually wrapped, and handed to our guests.
- \***Donations:** candy and monetary (for craft give-aways)
- \***Register Cars:** at church, via email or text ASAP;  
email: [mamatimes4@att.net](mailto:mamatimes4@att.net), #616-648-7287

\***NOW HIRING:** Helpers!  
Benefits: candy, smiles, lots of love

**BUT, we need the cars first!!**



## Life Quote for Sunday, October 17:

"The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary's womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That's where life is found: in the crucified Jesus."

*Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
Alexandria, Virginia*



On **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, as Sandra Schaeffer shares a second address around the theme "Christ Lives in Me!" This address was recorded as a banquet address for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada convention that was held this past July. In the address, Sandra weaves together personal stories with the promises of God. ***Come to be encouraged!***

***Come to get to know Sandra better! Come to fellowship with your sisters in Christ!*** The presentation is 40 minute video recording which will be shown in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00 pm. We hope you will join us!

**Service Opportunity** - Friends in Faith, with funding from Thrivent Financial, is sponsoring a dinner at **North End Community Ministry on November 2, 2021**. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Melissa Ensing or Walt Kryzanowski.

The dinner is held at **St. Alphonsus Parish at 224 Carrier St. NE**. You will park in the parking lot at the corner of Leonard and Lafayette and enter in the door in the corner of the two buildings. Arrival time is 4:45 PM and you will be finished by 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa or Walt. Thank you.