



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
TIME TO INVITE THE UNWORTHY

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WELCOME

We're glad you're here and want you to feel comfortable!

WHAT TO EXPECT

The service is printed here except for hymns which are found in the blue hymnal in the pew. Join in as you're comfortable.

FOR FAMILIES

Children are welcome here! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If needed, the entryway has audio so you can still participate.

NEED HELP?

Ask anyone—we're glad to help.

Pastors Boettcher and Peil would love to meet you - please introduce yourself!

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're a visitor today, please see our note to you about Holy Communion on page 8.

Thanks for being with us. God bless you through His Word.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END – IT'S TIME TO INVITE THE UNWORTHY

"The End Is Near." For Christians, those words announce watchful hope, not fear. The End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Now we live between salvation won and glory still to come. It's the beginning of the end.

No one knows when Christ will return. Through his Word and sacraments, God forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and keeps us ready. For believers, the end is truly a beginning.

But what about those who have not yet received his gifts? Imagine a wonderful meal prepared for loved ones who arrive too late to enjoy it. God has prepared something far greater: a feast of forgiveness, life, and salvation. No one deserves a place, yet he invites all to receive his blessings through faith in Christ.

That invitation will not remain open forever. Death comes, and Christ will return. Now is the time to invite the unworthy—people just like us—to the Savior whose grace makes room for them.

THE DIVINE SERVICE

 *The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD** type.* 

HYMN 902 Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

INVOCATION

Please stand at the minister's direction if you are able

In the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

silence for reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

The simple prayer, "Lord, have mercy" has been the hope-filled cry of Christians for many centuries. We pray to Jesus, who is Lord and Christ, and ask for his help based on his mercy. Kyrie is a Greek word that means "Lord" and eleison means "have mercy".

The minister sings: Lord Jesus, You raise us to new life: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.

All sing: **Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.**

The minister sings: Lord Jesus, You forgive us our sins: Christe eleison, eleison, Christe.

All sing: **Christe eleison, eleison, Christe.**

The minister sings: Lord Jesus, You feed us with Your body and blood: Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.

All sing: **Kyrie eleison, eleison, Kyrie.**

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN *(Gloria in Excelsis)*

Tune: HYFRYDOL

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your

grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and

glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - lor, you are God a - lone in the

joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord pictures His love in Jesus as a lavish banquet. By faith, we share in this gift already now and rejoice. And yet it will be more glorious still when we feast in heaven.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty
will prepare a feast of rich food for
all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the
tears from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.
In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84 | *verses spoken responsively*

Psalm 84 is sung or spoken in services that emphasize the joy of gathering in Christian congregations around the gospel in Word and sacrament

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD
Almighty!

**Blessed are those who dwell in your
house; they are ever praising you.**

Better is one day in your courts than a
thousand elsewhere;

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God than dwell in the
tents of the wicked.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the
LORD bestows favor and honor;

**no good thing does he withhold from
those whose walk is blameless.**

LORD Almighty,

blessed is the one who trusts in you.

**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.**

SECOND READING

Romans 1:16-17

The gospel invitation has reached us and it is the power of God that enlivened faith in us.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God that
brings salvation to everyone who
believes: first to the Jew, then to the
Gentile. For in the gospel the
righteousness of God is revealed—a

righteousness that is by faith from first to
last, just as it is written: "The righteous will
live by faith."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 25:6

Alleluia! On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.
Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

This lesson is the basis of the sermon.

Jesus spoke to them again in parables,
saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like
a king who prepared a wedding
banquet for his son. He sent his servants to
those who had been invited to the banquet

to tell them to come, but they refused to
come.

"Then he sent some more servants and
said, 'Tell those who have been invited that
I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and

fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people

they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN 573 | Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

SERMON MATTHEW 22 The Invitation to Belong

Please stand

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

Romans 10:10; Dt 6:4

Matthew 6:9; Ex 6:3

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1

Colossians 1:16

Romans 10:9

Matthew 16:16

John 3:16

John 1:1,8,12,17:22

Colossians 2:9

John 1:2

John 10:30

Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3

1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23

John 6:41; Luke 15:20

Luke 1:34-35

John 1:14

Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18

Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53

1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6

Acts 1:9

Acts 7:55

Matthew 26:64

Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12

2 Peter 1:11

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Jn 14:26; Acts 2:38
Genesis 1:2; John 3:6
John 15:26
Mt 3:16-17
Ez 11:5; 2 Pt 1:20-21
1 Peter 2:5; Eph 2:19-22
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
1 Co 15:35-49; 1 Thes 4
Psalm 106:48*

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Invited by Your Word and encouraged by Your promise of mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church and her leaders, for those preparing for church vocations, and for those considering full-time church service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the blessing of marriage and the faithfulness of husbands and wives, for the children entrusted to their care, for the loving care of children who have suffered abuse or neglect, and for those who open their homes to children in foster care, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a welcoming spirit in our congregation, for boldness in our invitation to those without a church home, and for a willingness to serve our neighbor in need and the stranger whose lives cross our paths, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For compassion toward the sick and those who suffer, for our care of those who need our assistance, for the hospitalized and those recovering, and especially for and

those we name in our hearts, *(brief silence)* that God may grant them healing, comfort, strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all elected and appointed civil servants, for all judges and magistrates, for all emergency personnel, for all members of the armed forces, and for all of us as citizens and neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our communion in the body and blood of the Lord, and for hearts that burn with desire for the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For gratitude in receiving the Lord's gifts and blessings, for generosity in sharing these resources with those in need, and for the offerings to support the God's work in this place, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

special intercessions may be spoken here

All these things, Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give in that way.

One time or recurring GIFTS can be given through an account on our app: Church Center (QR Code on the left.)

*Or, for a one time gift, text **Give + dollar amount (example: Give\$5)** to **1 (844) 791-0302**. You'll receive a link to follow in response.*



A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS *Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.*

Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.

Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!**

THE SACRAMENT

Stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Tune: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament and deepen

our longing for the day when he will welcome us to his eternal feast.

Remember us in Your kingdom as we pray...

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 JESUS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

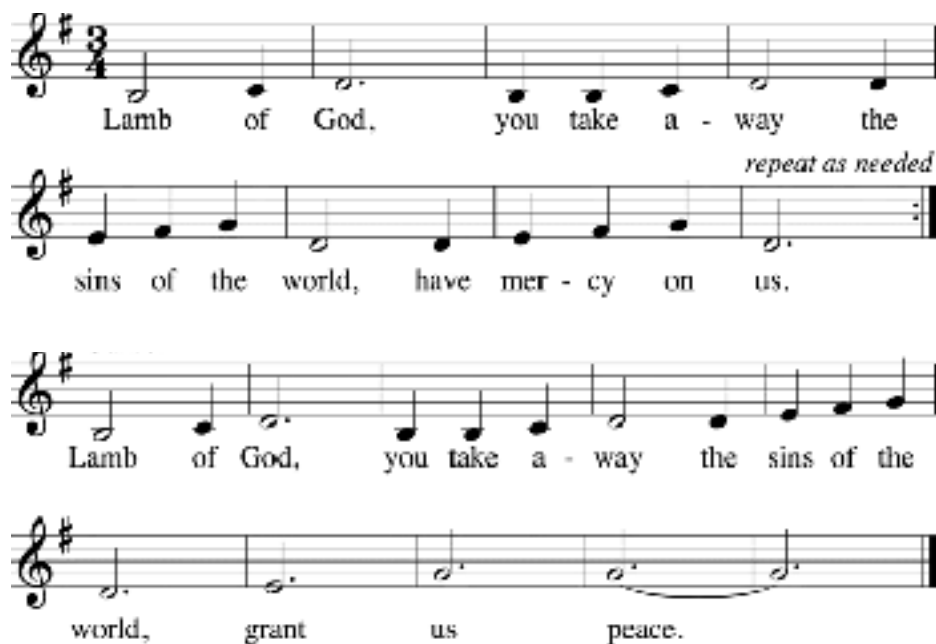
Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O LAMB OF GOD





Be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 886 **Blessed Are They**

HYMN 668 **Jesus Comes Today With Healing**

After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go in peace. Your + sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 118:1

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 855 - stanzas 1,2,5 The Church's One Foundation



We thank the Lord for Kryssi Heckman and her musical gifts used to serve us and our Savior this morning!