



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026 - 10:00 am

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Webster, WI

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*(*Denotes stand as you are able)*

PRELUDE

***WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sisters and Brothers,

Today in the Gospel of Matthew, we will read about the Pharisees and the Herodians coming together to trick Jesus, hoping to incriminate Jesus and alienate him from his followers, ultimately to dismantle Jesus' rising power of being able to mobilize a movement that promotes tolerance, radical welcome, and caring for the oppressed and downtrodden.

Let us invite the Holy Spirit to stir within and among us, opening our hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ, assured that however we find ourselves today, God draws us to His heart and holds in love, full of grace.

C: Jesus, your name is above all names. May your Spirit open our hearts and fill us with the hope that brings comfort, resolve for living into the belovedness that you have created us to be, and grace when we fall short. Leading us into a unity that brings a fullness of being and a wholeness in community with you as the cornerstone of our life and relationships.

Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Amen.

***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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



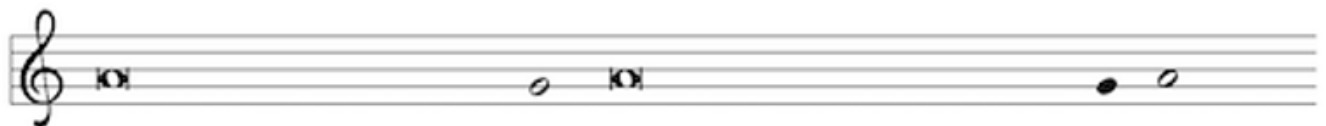
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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,



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Growing in God's Grace

Diane Hannibal, arr. Stewart Harris

WORD

*PLEASE RISE FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

Pastor Peter Johnson

SERMON SONG

Offering

Third Day

Magnificent, Holy Father
I stand in awe of all I see
Of all the things You have created
Still You choose to think of me

And who am I that You should suffer
Your very life to set me free

the only thing that I can give You
is the life You gave to me

This is my offering, dear Lord
this is my offering to You, God
And I will give You my life
for its all I have to give
because You gave Your life for me

I stand before You at this altar
so many have given You more
I may not have much I can offer
Yet what I have is truly Yours

This is my offering, dear Lord
This is my offering to You, God
And I will give You my life
For its all I have to give
Because You gave Your life for me

This is my offering
This is my offering, dear Lord
This is my offering to You, God
And I will give you my life
For its all I have to give
Because You gave Your life for me
This is my offering to you, God
For I will give You my life
For its all I have to give
Because You gave Your life for me, yeah
Because You gave Your life for me

***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.**

PUBLIC PRAYERS: *Pastor Peter will walk up and down the center aisle to receive prayer requests from the congregation.*

Pray for Me

Ty Herndon

INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Kathy LeMay, Council President;	Brenda Wheeler, Vice President
David Spedel, Secretary;	David Swan, Treasurer;
Evie Moore, • Karen Pate • Fred Paulson • Laura Smith • Tim Smith	

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are

varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders,
and will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

MEAL

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING



Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of the church! Sharing God's gifts in offering allows us to more fully live into our mission of

Loving Christ through Loving Community

*Please rise as we sing "Asante sana Yesu/I Am Thanking Jesus" and return the gifts of God's abundance to the table of grace.

**Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, Moyoni
Asante sana Yesu, Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, Moyoni (Repeat)**

***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.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table is set. The meal is prepared. Come. All are welcome to the feast.

COMMUNION

Stay With Me, Lord

Ferdinand Bautista

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of life and mercy,

We gathered here today hoping against hope that we'd encounter you.

We prayed that your Spirit would open our hearts and fill us with a hope that brings a comfort from you, resolve to live into the belovedness that you have created us to be, and the grace of forgiveness and renewal for when we fall short.

Forgiven and freed we share all that is yours; forgiveness to those who trespass against us, comfort to one another when life is hard and uncertain, and the promise of wholeness in the beautiful messiness of who we are because of whose we are, and that is yours!

Welcomed and seated at your table of grace, we ate in your mercy and drank in your love. We did this in remembrance of you.

Thank you, Father, for your faithfulness in the promise of this sacrament; Forgiven and freed through Jesus who is fully present in the eucharist by the power of your Holy Spirit.

We give all glory and praise to you O' redeeming God!

Amen.

INSTALLATION OF COMMUNICATIONS & OFFICE COORDINATOR

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Lakeside Community Lutheran Church, have appointed Madison Main to serve in the position of Communications & Office Coordinator.

Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Madison, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

People of God, will you receive Madison Main into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Madison, I now declare you installed as Lakeside's **Communications & Office Coordinator.**

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called Madison to this ministry. Grant her joy and a spirit of bold trust, that her work may stir up each of us to a life of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING SONG**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

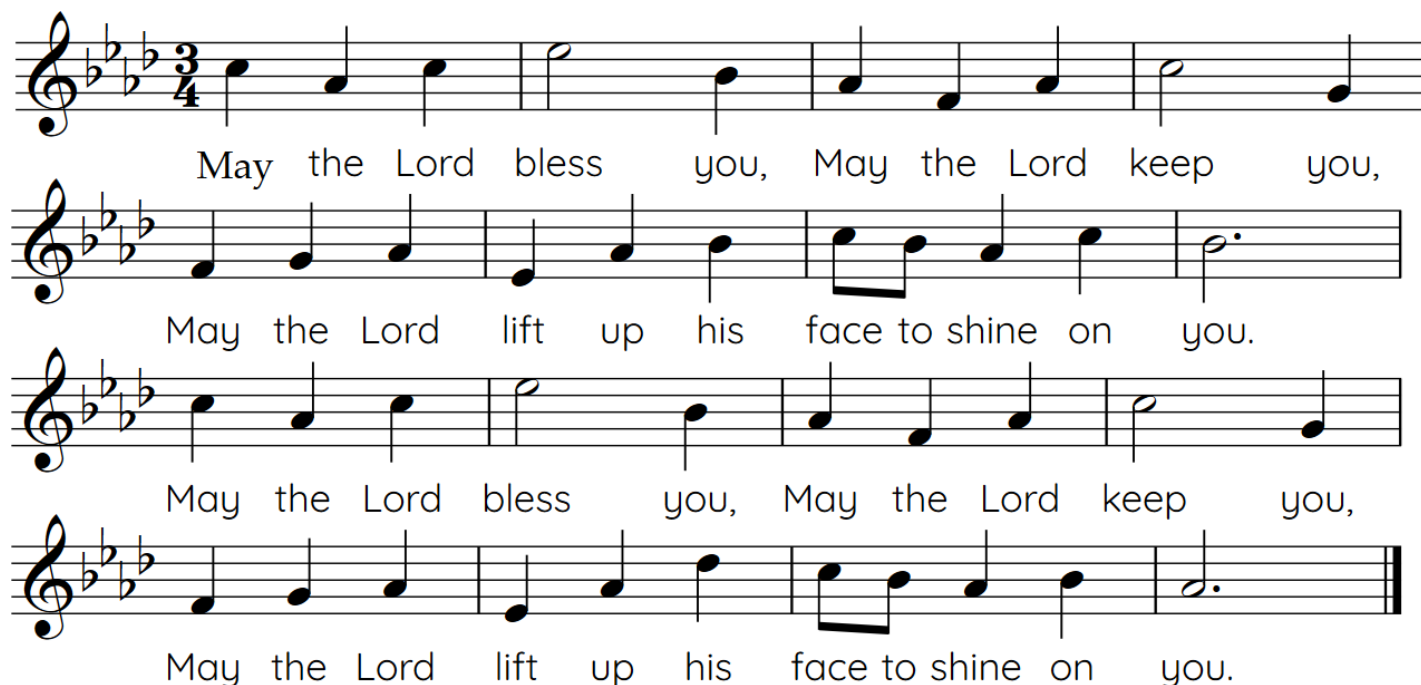
In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand *Repeat*

***BLESSING**

Encouraged by the promise of God's love and grace and grounded in our identity as one body in Jesus Christ, may we together be empowered to tell the story of God's unending love for all people and all creation,

through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***BENEDICTION SONG**



May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

***DISMISSAL**

You are beautifully made, uniquely gifted, and loved beyond measure.
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let us join together in a prayer of thanksgiving for those serving in worship today: Pastor Peter Johnson; Accompanist Judi Wilson; The Lakeside Choir, led by Dave Speidel; cantor Vern Umholtz; AV technician Kristy DuBois, video creator Marshall Hoff; altar guild members Sandy Fisher & Sue Oslund; counters Bob & Vicki Struve; shepherding conveners Sandie & Joe Fisher and Sue & Lenny Oslund; and shepherds Marilynne & Steve Gallman, Bonnie Niemi, Marcia Proehl, Dawn & Doug Straub, and Pat Sulander.

October Mission of the Month: WELCA Thankofferings. Join us in celebrating the women of the ELCA on Sunday, October 25th. Your gifts support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization.

This Week at Lakeside:

Monday, October 19	ADRC* - 11:30 am
	Yoga - 6 pm
Tuesday, October 20	Mission Quilting – 9 am
	ADRC* - 11:30 am
	AA – 2 pm
Wednesday, October 21	Yoga – 9 am
	Bible Study – 9:30 am
	Choir Rehearsal – 3 pm
Thursday, October 22	Fellowship at JoMama's
	Men's Breakfast – 8 am
	Women's Coffee – 9 am
	ADRC* – 11:30 am
	Gather Bible Study – 12:30 pm
	WELCA Meeting – 2 pm
Friday, October 23	ADRC* – 11:30 am
Sunday, October 25	Sunday School – 9 am
	Choir Rehearsal – 9:30 am
	Worship with Holy Communion – 10 am

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