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20th Sunday After Pentecost
ELW Setting 3

Prelude

Announcements

Call and Response:

Our purpose is awesome: Let us worship God.

God shows the world God's works: we see God's splendor.

We do not come before God like frightened supplicants,
but as those who are confident that they are wonderfully loved.

**Our high priest is Jesus, tempted as we are yet without sin,
who is able to sympathize with our human weaknesses.**

Let us then boldly draw near to the throne of grace,

that we may be welcomed with mercy

and obtain assistance in every moment of need.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

All Depends on Our Possessing

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Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

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¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

**¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation:

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Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the

disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

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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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep our farmers and people in the agri-business healthy and safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their

neighbors. We especially pray for our members Rolland, Walli, Gloria, Gene, Vic, Joel, Raelynn, Kelly, and Merlyn. We pray for our friends Denise, Bill, Dawn, Stephani, Karla, Danielle, Krista, Meghan, Amy, Sharon, Kim, Jill, and Matt. Be with seminarians Kaylie and Lisa. We pray for those serving in the military: Alex, Vicki, Ben, Jeremy, T.J., Daniel, Miranda, and Luke. We pray for Lisa in seminary and Kaylie as she discerns a call, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We pray for the TACOL Thrift Shop and the people their funds help. Bless their volunteers with generous and loving hearts. We pray for all of those who provide food in Lindsborg, particularly the Dala Pantry, the Senior Center, and the Blessing Box. Let those in need find your provision. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you all: **And also with you!**

MEAL

Offertory Children's Music: Children of the Heavenly Father

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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Eucharistic Prayer

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Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, **✠** one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Worship Leaders today:

Tom Nelson Organist
Marc Anderson Liturgist
Ingrid Pohl Lector

Worship Leaders next week:

Steve Gustafson Organist
Leslie Mangrum Liturgist
Mary Lindgren Lector

Messiah Lutheran Church

9/30/2021

	Actual	Actual	Budget
	Sep-21	Jan - Sep	Jan - Sep
Revenue	12,109.39	104,898.87	108,869.99
Expenses	11,096.06	99,834.46	120,363.69
Surplus (Deficit)	<u>1,013.33</u>	<u>5,064.41</u>	<u>(11,493.70)</u>
Reserve			
Balance	<u>85,731.04</u>		

Members, Friends, and Family for Whom We Pray

Members of Messiah:

Rolland Christenson, Walli Ellis, Gloria and Gene Holdsworth, Merlyn Hilt, Kelly Carlson, Vic Streufert, Joel and Raelynn Prater

Friends of Messiah

Donna Stejksal	Daniels' friend	Karla Goewert	Friend of Kirsten Bruce
Denise	Pari Ford's mother	Danielle	Robbie Peterson's
Bill Stephenson	Joy Janis's brother	VanDeVyvere	granddaughter
Dawn	Sharon Hoffman's Daughter	Krista Bahler	Betty Peterson's Niece
Stephani White	Betty Holcombe's daughter	Meghan Presley	John & Margaret Presley's Daughter
Kim and Jill Hett		Amy Wright	Friend of Don Anderson
Matt Forrester	Pastor's brother	Sharon Texley	friend of Marla Elmquist, Linda Lewis & many others

Serving the U.S.A.

Alex Klapp	Betty Russin's grandson	Vicki Charboneau	Elaine Eller's granddaughter
Ben Youngquist	S Hoffman's nephew	Jeremy Guy	Hensley's son-in-law
T.J. Paulsen	Barb Malm's child		
Daniel & Miranda Norland	Randy/Gretchen's son & wife		
Luke Hammontree	Daniel's grandson		

Seminary Kaylie Ines, Lisa Simmelink

Wider Church by Jeanne Ahlers

Nearly a year ago, families in Honduras were pummeled by back-to-back hurricanes. Entire communities were washed away. Homes and crops were destroyed. Loss of life was extensive, with families disrupted and vulnerable neighbors lost. Survivors were forced to live in crowded, makeshift shelters.

At the time, the world was made aware of their predicament. Now, however, camera crews have packed up and gone home. Still, the need for food, supplies and shelter remain as urgent as when the hurricanes hit. And, of course, there could be future hurricanes, and the people of Honduras need to prepare for them.

A few statistics can give an idea of how things stand. For instance, 9.1 million Hondurans in all were impacted; 3.1 million are facing hunger; 2,000 remain in shelters; and 7,000 water systems need repair.

Lutheran World Relief reminds us that we can help Honduras recover by gifts to help provide food, shelter, hygiene kits, face masks and sanitizer to these, our neighbors.

Announcements

Volunteers are needed to help wash dishes after **KICK** meals and help with baking desserts for the KICK meals. Please contact Rachel Ann or Oliva.

Save the Date: Fall clean-up at Messiah will be on November 13th in the morning. All hands needed to spruce up our space for Advent!

Pastor Amy will be attending the **Bishop's Fall Theological Conference** at Lake of the Ozarks from October 11 to 14. Ingrid Pohl, Council President, will be available to direct pastoral care needs.

Join Sprout House Learning Center for our Fall clean-up! There are jobs for all skillsets. Help beautify the community and support local child care. October 17th at 3 pm at 308 N 3rd Street. For more information contact Alan English at Englishae@bethanylb.edu.

Everyone is invited to **be part of the choir!** We meet at 8:45 on Sunday morning. Children's choir meets weekly after worship in the upstairs choir room! Come one, come all! Membership is limited to 100 people! 😊

The next **forum at Bethany Lutheran** is Sunday, October 17th. Nathan King will speak about Mosaic. The October 24th forum will be led by Pastor Chris regarding Confirmation Class. On October 31st it will be Marcia MacLennan on Reformation.

On Sunday, October 17, Pastor will present **a forum after worship on her trip to South Africa!** Join us during fellowship time to hear about this mission trip and the journey she got to take!

We will be **decorating cookies** on October 30th from 1-2:30 pm. Come join us in the fun! We will hand them out to the kids on the 31st for Halloween.

The **funeral for John and Nada Fetrow**, longtime former members, will be held at Messiah on Saturday, October 16 at 11 a.m. The family invites you to attend. There will be a gathering after the inurnment at the Drom Stott.



Chamber Orchestra of the Smoky Valley

Dr. Keith Dodson, music director

October 24, 2021, at 3:30 pm

Swedish Pavilion in Heritage Square

at 120 E Mill Street, Lindsborg, Kansas

Free concert admission - donations welcome



Siegfried Idyll by Richard Wagner
Suite for String Orchestra by Frank Bridge
Symphony No. 4 by Ludwig van Beethoven

**Lindsborg Old Mill &
Swedish Heritage Museum**



OCTOBER 10, 2021
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus is a merciful high priest.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
Monday	Amos 5:6-15	Seek good and not evil
Tuesday	Hebrews 4:12-16	Jesus is the great high priest
Wednesday	2 John 7-11	Those who deny Christ
Thursday	Micah 7:18-20	God's compassion and steadfast love
Friday	1 John 1:5-10	God is light
Saturday	Psalm 90:12-17	Teach us wisdom
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to save

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Hebrews 4:16 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of justice and forgiveness, help us to see when we hurt others so that we may care for our neighbor with justice through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Compassionate God, we receive this food with thanksgiving. Help us respond to this gift by treating others with your kindness and mercy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of justice and mercy give you a heart of wisdom to love and to serve with gladness.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

Take My Life, That I May Be

WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What do you do after you feel you have been unkind or hurt someone's feelings?
- Is it harder to forgive others or yourself? Explain.
- Jesus knows our weaknesses and failings yet shows us kindness and mercy. How can knowing this influence how you live?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 4:12-16.

God's word is like a sharp, two-edged sword that brings both judgment and forgiveness. The question is, which is God's final word for us? The answer Hebrews gives is through understanding Jesus in the sacrificial role of high priest, one who is like us in every way except that he is without sin. The high priest makes sacrifices on behalf of the people to receive God's forgiveness for their sins. What Jesus is able to do as our great high priest and the Son of God is to both experience and feel our weaknesses as a human being and as God. We have a God who fully understands us, sympathizes with us, and accepts us as we are. We can approach God with boldness and know that we receive mercy and grace. Jesus as the great high priest and the Son of God takes the sharp edge of the sword of God's judgment and adds to it God's love that forgives the sinner. Thanks be to God for Jesus, the great high priest, the Son of God, who comes to save, not to condemn. How does Jesus as our great high priest help you understand judgement and forgiveness?

Pray: **God of mercy and grace, free our lives to live courageously for our neighbor and with loving hearts toward you through Jesus, the great high priest. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Mark 10, the rich man left Jesus grieving because he was attached to his wealth. Money and having possessions can cause us to be selfish and only care for ourselves. Another way to use wealth can be to serve others and show our love for God and all humanity. How can you serve others with your wealth this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "living and active". There are many Bible translations. The NRSV (New Revised Standard Version), NIV (New International Version), KJV (King James Version), and CEV (Contemporary English Version) are just a few of many others. During devotions this week, look up the *Daily Bible Readings* using different translations and note what is similar and what is different. Think or talk about how the scripture you read is alive and active in your life.