

# Sunday, October 17, 2021

## Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



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### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH*

*we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS*

*we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

**Hearing Assistance is available during the service.**

**Please notify usher if you would like assistance**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: “This is The Wonderful Day”

(Sung to tune of Pennsylvania Polka)

This is the wonderful day God has made, the day the Lord made for us!  
Strike up the music, rejoice and be glad, come join the angel chorus,  
Sing to the mountains and sing to the sea, sing out the old, old story.  
Praise the Lord of all creation, O, shout and sing to His endless glory!

Darkness fading, light has come to dance upon the waves,  
Day breaks, earth wakes, Christ has come His people now to save,  
Lord of lakeshore, Lord of wildwood, field and stream and glen,  
All children of the King, rejoice again and sing,  
Rejoice in Him, O, shout and clap your hands.

This is the wonderful day God has made, The day the Lord made for us!  
Strike up the music, rejoice and be glad, Come join the angel chorus,  
Sing to the mountains and sing to the sea, Sing out the old, old story.  
Praise the Lord of all creation, O, shout and sing to His endless glory!

*(Please rise for the singing of the last verse)*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God,

**you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SECOND HYMN: “The Lord Comes to Cana”**

(Sung to tune of Beer Barrel Polka)

In the garden, in the kingdom, In the Heaven made just for us,  
Holy, merciful and joyous is the High Priest reigning o’er us.  
With His mighty hand of healing, He sets the universe to reeling,  
When the word is spoken, creation starts to swing.  
With the angels crying, “Gloria!” And the earth replying, “Hosanna!”  
The saints fall down on bended knee to cast their crowns upon the sea.  
All the people meeting on the shore have come to worship Him who we adore,  
We’ll celebrate eternally as Love proclaims His victory!  
The Lord comes to Cana, oh marriage blessing divine,  
The Lord comes to Cana, love bursting forth like new wine.  
How sweet the music, the great wedding shout of the throng,  
Come and join your hearts together with the Lord of song!

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, oh, Gloria!

The Lord comes to Cana, follow Him, feast and be free.  
The Lord comes to Cana, join in the glad revelry,  
How sweet the laughter, this song of our God-given cheer,  
Join the music, raise the rafters, the Lord of love is here!

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

*Please stand for the Gospel*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

#### **“Autumn Hymn”**

(Sung to tune of Somewhere My Love)

Father, again, to Thy dear Name we raise  
A Harvest Hymn, our Autumn song of praise,  
You send the sweet lullaby of the leaves  
Falling to earth, floating upon the breeze.

Gardens, gardens of joy sleep now,  
Slumber, to wake with the song of Summer,

Promise of Spring, warm as the winds that blow,  
Promise You bring, soft as the falling snow.  
Praise we the Lord of manna and morning dew,  
A Harvest Hymn, our Autumn song for You.

*Please stand if able*

## **APOSTLE'S 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness (*especially*), that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers,

counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints (*especially Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch*), continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated for the passing of the offering plate.*

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

## **OFFERTORY 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION to COMMUNION**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

(Communion will be handed to you, pick up your own cup - red wine; white juice)

**COMMUNION SING:** (Sung to the tune of Edelweiss)

Father, we go forth in peace, Servants receiving your blessing,  
We depart with grateful hearts, Children Thy glory confessing.

Spirit of Love now remain with us, O, Breath of Life refreshing,  
Lead and guide, heal and hide, Those 'neath Thy holy wings nesting.

Jesus, we have offered Thee all that we are in Thy temple,  
Lift thy face, Lord of grace, smile and show mercy eternal.

Lord, accept thou our thanks and grant that we are ever voicing  
Praises true, all for You, As we go homeward rejoicing.

**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:**

**“Hallelu, Glory Be!”**

(Sung to tune of Hoop-Dee-Doo)

Hallelu, Glory be! Jesus Christ has come to set us all free,  
Glory be, Hallelu! Oh, what a Friend has come to save me and you!  
Hallelu, Hallelu! He's come to make our darkness bright,  
Christ, the Prince of God's own peace, bids all toil and trouble cease,  
He's our way, our truth, our life.

When I hear Good News ringing on the mountainside,  
I get a thrill, I always will,  
Heavenly sunshine floods my soul again, and then  
This little light... see it ignite!



I hear the story of His glory, How He died and rose for me,  
I feel a love divine, I feel a love so fine, I have to sing.  
I shout out in the Word, rejoice in what I've heard,  
I have to share the light and love He brings!

Hallelu, Glory be! What once was lost is found and now I can see,  
Glory be, Hallelu, a year of Jubilee beginning anew!  
Hallelu, Hallelu! His love illuminates the night,  
Christ the light of God's own face radiates amazing grace,  
He's our way, our truth, our life!

When I hear Good News ringing on the mountainside,  
I get a thrill, I always will,  
Heavenly sunshine floods my soul again, and then  
This little light... see it ignite!

I hear the story of His glory, How He died and rose for me,  
I feel a love divine, I feel a love so fine, I have to sing.  
I shout out in the Word, rejoice in what I've heard,  
I have to share the light and love He brings!

Come, oh, Lord, come to stay. Oh, come into our hearts, Lord Jesus today.  
Come, oh, Lord, come today. Oh, come into our hearts, Lord Jesus to stay.

Hallelu, Hallelu! This is His world, He'll set it right.  
Make straight the way, prepare Him room,  
He'll disperse the clouds of gloom.  
He's our way, our truth, our ... He's our way, our truth, our ...  
He's our way, our truth, our life!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.**

## **THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK**

Greeters: Nancy Hansen & Dianne Sandberg

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Hospitality: Worship & Music

***Thank you for your service!***

## Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 10, 2021: In Person: 9:00 am 54

Choir Only Video Online: 36

### **THIS WEEK AT Bethesda**

**Oct. 4, 2021 – Oct. 10, 2021**

Monday	10/18	8:30 am	Jelly Making
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/19	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	10/20	9:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		9:00-Noon	WIC
Thursday	10/21	8:00 am	No ROMEOs*
		3:30 am	Bell Practice
Sunday	10/10	9:00 am	Worship

*\*Pastor will be on vacation from October 12 to October 21. Pastor Rebecca Hintz will cover any emergencies.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRY** Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew.

**PRAYER & CARE LIST:** Carol Bakken, Paula Spetz, Ted & Ruth Jaszczak, Cliff Roberts.

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY** There are "Simply Giving" forms available in the Narthex and online at: <http://blcmalmo.org/WP2016/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Simply-Giving-Form.pdf> Never have to remember your check or envelope on Sundays. If you like the idea of "dropping" your envelope in the offering plate on Sundays, you can place your empty envelope in the plate with the words "Simply Giving" on your envelope. It's safe, it's easy and it's convenient. If you have questions on how to fill out the form, talk with Mary in the office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** are available on the table in the Narthex. Have your child pick up a clipboard with a bulletin and activities. Each clipboard has a pencil box with pencils, pens, and crayons to use each week. We are anticipating a Sunday School program to start soon, until then, pick up a clipboard.

**2021 HOLIDAY BAZAAR** Less than 2 weeks to go to our Bazaar. The week of Oct. 25th will be our lefse making and set up for the bazaar on the 30th. Other Bazaar preparations: “**Cookie Walk**” — We are asking for donations of 6 dozen holiday cookies from each active member household for the cookie walk. **Lefse Making** days are 8 am Monday, Oct. 25 and Tuesday, Oct. 26. Please sign up to work and bring some lefse dough. **Jelly Making** day has been declared for Monday, Oct. 18 at 8:30 am. Tickets for our ‘Biggest Raffle Yet’ are available in the Fellowship Hall or you can go on line and print your own (make as many copies as you want) and you can find them on our website at:

<http://blcmalmo.org/2021/09/21/2021-holiday-bazaar/> Print your own and mail them in with payment or bring them the day of the bazaar. Masks will be required to enter the building.

**GRIEF SHARE** Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo will be starting a Grief Support Group on Tuesday, October 26th, 2021, from 4:00-6:00pm. The sessions will run every Tuesday for 12-13 weeks. Anyone interested can simply show up. You are not required to attend all session but are urged to. Free will donation accepted but not required. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Call the church office to register or register the at your first meeting.

**BUDGET REQUEST FORMS** Each committee has received the 2022 Budget Request forms in their In Boxes. The Stewardship committee is requesting that all committees have these forms fill out and returned by October 31st, 2021 to the Stewardship Inbox in the office.

**TRUNK or TREAT** Join us for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo on Sunday, October 31st, from 3-6 p.m. We will be outside in the parking lot (weather permitting). So, start thinking of ways to decorate your trunk or car.

**ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS** are due by November 16<sup>th</sup> for our annual meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> following our regular worship service. Please email to: Judie Birk [jimjudiebirk@gmail.com](mailto:jimjudiebirk@gmail.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME JOIN OUR MEN'S or WOMEN'S BIBLE & BOOK STUDY GROUPS** – The men's and women's bible/book studies will be starting new books the last week of October. Women meet on Wednesdays at 9:00am. The title of the new book is “*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*”. Men meet on Thursdays at 8:00am. The title of their new book is: “*Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*”. Just show up, no pre-registration needed.

