

Twenty Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Painting with Bob – Wednesday, Oct 21st at 1 pm. Signup sheet in our Place of Welcome. All supplies are provided.

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.
Let us confess our sin to God,
who is faithful and just,
and who has promised to forgive our sin
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart;
we have not loved one another in deed and in truth.
In your compassion, forgive our sin
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love,
forgives all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

KYRIE "Now the Feast" ELW 157

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

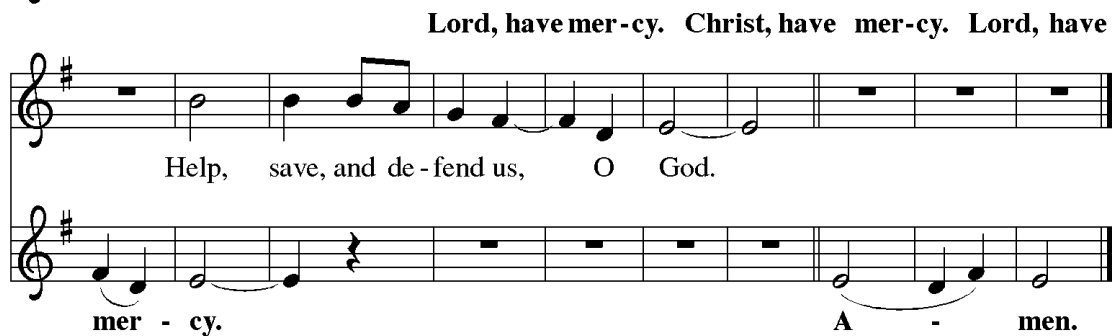
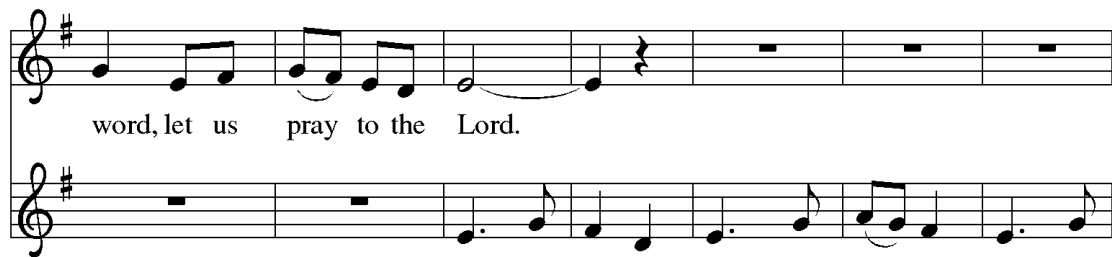
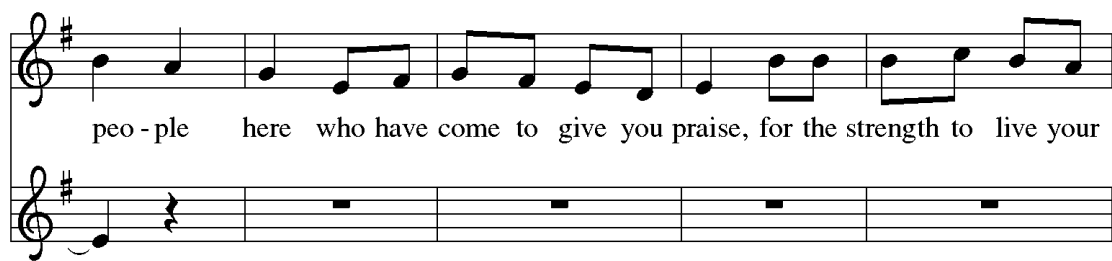
For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Goodness of God"

I love you, Lord,
for your mercy never fails me.
All my days
I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice.
You have led me through the fire,
and in darkest night,
you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father,
I've known you as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now.
I give you everything,
'cause your goodness is running after,
it's running after me.

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is our delight to pray. Holy God, rule 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-6

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Alleluia" NTF – *piano, bass, guitar cajon*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 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." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Today's sermon has been prepared and shared by Pastor Sean Bell from Resurrection Lutheran Church in the Saskatchewan Synod.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 583

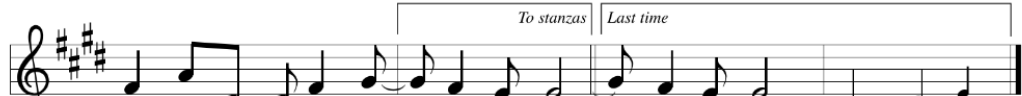
Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

APOSTLES' CREED

We join God's people throughout the world in affirming our faith:

**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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER (the congregation joins during the rest of this season)

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the bountiful harvest. Make us good stewards of all we've been given. With grateful hearts may we share with those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering especially Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Janet D, Dave, Austin, Patrick, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Jill, Shirley J., Jody, Mo, Jim N., Clayton P, Marlene and Darcy, Clayton and Margaret, Sheila, Ray, Nancy, Alan T, Cherylee, Elda, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church especially Creative Fingers. Hold in your care Carolyn Ethier and Walt and Pat Faber, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. Together may we be encouraged in our work of faith and labor of love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for those who are grieving, especially William and Marlene Thurlow as they mourn the deaths of a brother and a nephew. Wrap your loving arms around them and be their source of strength and courage now and in the days ahead. We give thanks for the hope and promise of eternal life that we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, we pray

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favour and ✝ give us peace. Amen.

SENDING SONG "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" ELW 722 v 1, 3 & 4



O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.

O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,

O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.

that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme

We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.

that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

SENDING

Led on by saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. We will!

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