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**Worship**  
**Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost**  
**October 17, 2021**

## **GATHERING**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Preparation for Worship**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

P Let the words our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P The ways that God desires for us to speak with one another and to live together is good for our spirit.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P Direct us and guide us, O Lord, to live according to your word.

**C You, O God, are our rock and redeemer.**

P To live in the ways and walk in the paths of your desire, O Lord, rejoices the heart.

**C You, O God, are our rock and our redeemer.**

### **GATHERING HYMN – “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”**

**1 Lord, you give the great commission:**

**"Heal the sick and preach the word."**

**Lest the church neglect its mission,**

**and the gospel go unheard,**

**help us witness to your purpose**

**with renewed integrity:**

*Refrain*

*With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us*

*for the work of ministry.*

**2 Lord, you call us to your service:**

**"In my name baptize and teach."**

**That the world may trust your promise,**

**life abundant meant for each,**

**give us all new fervor, draw us**

**closer in community: *Refrain***

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

## GREETING

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P As a community of faith we seek the presence of God in this hour of worship.

**C Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure and whose love is endless.

**C Amen**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God our comforter:

**C 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**

P 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 heart the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE – "Glory to God" (Bolduc)**

*Refrain*

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you.**

**We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King,**

**O God, almighty Father.**

*Refrain*

**Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

*Refrain*

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

*Glory! Glory to God in the highest. Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us Pray

**C** **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**

## **THE WORD**

*You may be seated*

#### **First Reading – Ecclesiastes 3:1-13**

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 42– “As the Deer Longs” (Hurd)                      Cantor and Congregation**  
***Why are you so full of heaviness oh my soul?***  
***Put your trust in God for I will yet give thanks***  
***To God who is my help***

#### **Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-10**

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them

stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.*

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation – Halle, Halle, Hallejuah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

**Gospel reading – Mark 10:13-16**

P The holy Gospel according to Mark.

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated*

**Sermon – Bishop Deborah Hutterer**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

**HYMN OF THE DAY – "Here I am Lord" (Schutte)**

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

**Refrain**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

## **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

P We affirm our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

**C 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.**

## **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR SANDY JONES**

*You are invited to remain standing as you are comfortable. The pastor and a representative of the congregation come before the Bishop and the Assembly*

### **PRESENTATION**

*The Bishop addresses the assembly.*

BH Having been authorized by the church to install The Rev. Sandra Jones, our co-worker in the gospel, as the Pastor of this congregation, I now ask for certification of this call

*Mr. Bud Morrison, Council Chair and representative of Bethany Lutheran Church addresses the Bishop.*

BM After prayerful deliberation, we of Bethany Lutheran Church have called The Rev. Sandra Jones to serve as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the position of Pastor of this congregation. I present Sandra Jones and this letter certifying the call.

*Bud Morrison gives Bishop Hutterer the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. He moves aside.*

*The Assembly is seated*

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

*Bishop Hutterer addresses Pastor Sandy*

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. (John 20:21-23)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

*A reading from First Timothy:* Set believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy and with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

*Bishop Hutterer addresses questions to Pastor Sandy*

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

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

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran Church? Will you carry out this ministry 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?

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

Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Sacraments, and lead them by your example in faithful service and holy living?

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

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*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.

*The Assembly Responds: Amen*

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

*Bishop Hutterer addresses the Assembly*

People of God, will you receive Sandra Jones as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and steward of the mysteries of God?

*Response of the Assembly:* **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for Sandra? Will you help and honor her in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

*Response of the Assembly:* **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Bishop Hutterer addresses Pastor Sandra Jones*

Sandra, the office of Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Response:* **Amen**

## **BLESSING**

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the Bishop proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

*Response:* Amen

*The pastor stands. The following procession to the places of the Word and Sacraments is used.*

*The Bishop escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. Karen Maglich - President of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word. Bud Morrison accompanies the Bishop and Pastor - he says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the place of the meal. A Sandra Patelis accompanies the Bishop and Pastor - she says:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*The Bishop addresses the assembly with these words.*

People of God, I present to you Pastor Sandra Jones. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P 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*

P 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.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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. We pray especially for our loved ones in need of healing; Evie, River, Ethel, Karen, Leslie, Michael, Melissa, Sondra, Elmer, Alec, Sonia and Bernie. And the family of Trudi Nelson who joined the Church Triumphant this week.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, Communion Assistants, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee workers and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, musicians, builders, caretakers, and all who serve with generous hearts.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P What else or who else would we like to lift up to God this day?

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast.

P Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**C Amen**

P Lord, we give you what is already yours. You provide so much for us. Thank you for giving us the ability to give and the cheerful hearts to do it.

*You may be seated*

**OFFERING HYMN –**

Choir

**OFFERTORY – “Make Me a Servant”**

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be;  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray:

**C 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**

## **THE MEAL**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

P You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for  
his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our  
salvation.

P 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.

P 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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious  
resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord  
God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit  
to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who  
share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,  
receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our  
inheritance with all your saints.

P To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now  
and forever.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C 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.**

## **COMMUNION INVITATION**

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

**C We gather as the body of Christ to be fed with spiritual food.**

*You may be seated*

COMMUNION HYMNS - *"The Servant Song"*  
*"May I Be His Love" (Troccoli)*

Choir  
Erin

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray:

C 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

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen

CLOSING HYMN - *"Send Down the Fire" (Haugen)*

*Refrain*

*Send down the fire of your justice, Send down the rains of your love;  
Send down the Spirit, breathe life in your people, and we shall be people of God.*

Call us to be your compassion, teach us the song of your love;  
Give us hearts that sing, give us deeds that ring,  
Make us ring with the song of your love.  
*(Refrain)*

Call us to learn of your mercy, Teach us the way of your peace;  
Give us hearts that feel, give us hands that heal,  
Make us walk in the way of your peace.  
*(Refrain)*

Call us to witness your kingdom, give us the presence of Christ;  
Make your holy light, keep us shining bright,  
Ever shine with with the presence of Christ.  
*(Refrain)*

### Dismissal

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C We go with Jesus by our side. Thanks be to God!

Thank you to all of today's participants, including:

The Rev. Bishop Deborah Hutterer

All clergy who were able to attend

Musical Director: Randy Field

Accompanist: Kristan Youn

Cantor: Erin Etringer

Choir:

Mary Anne Clark

Anne Field

Pastor Sandy Jones

Karen Nelson

Sandra Patelis

Barry Sinnett

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