



21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 17, 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to worship, especially our guests! We are delighted to have you with us. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. If we haven't seen you in a while, it is great to see you today! May God bless your time with us richly.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing you praise. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN – CW 290 *One Thing's Needful*

- 1 One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.
- 2 How were Mary's thoughts devoted Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined.
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing;
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
And found her contentment in hearing his Word.
- 3 Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, can be found in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure; Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.

Text: Johann H. Schröder, 1667–99, abr., adapt.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON – 2 Kings 5:14-27

¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. ¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.” ¹⁶ The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. ¹⁷ “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸ But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.” ¹⁹ “Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰ Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹ So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. ²² “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’” ²³ “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. ²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. ²⁶ But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

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Lord, you have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night.

Refrain: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—
or eighty, if we have the strength,*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Refrain: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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SECOND LESSON – Hebrews 13:1-6

Continue to show brotherly love. ²Do not fail to show love to strangers, for by doing this some have welcomed angels without realizing it. ³Remember those in prison, as if you were fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were also suffering bodily. ⁴Marriage is to be held in honor by all, and the marriage bed is to be kept undefiled, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers. ⁵Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have. For God has said: I will never leave you, and I will never forsake you. ⁶So then we say with confidence: The Lord is my helper, and I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?

VERSE OF THE DAY – Isaiah 25:9b

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 10:17-27

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. ¹⁹You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.” ²¹Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN – CW 401 *Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

- 1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

- 4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?
- 5 Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

SERMON: No one is good—except God alone!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN – CW 421 *All Depends on Our Possessing*

- 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.
- 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never—As God wills, so be it ever—
I to him commit my way.

5 If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – CW 207 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

1 The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.

*Thank you for worshiping with us!
God bless your week.*

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship NLHS Pops Concert
Monday	6:00 PM	Coordinating Council
Wednesday	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catechism Small Group Bible Study
Saturday		OS Day at Dime & Dollar
Sunday 10/24	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Class Worship Voter's Meeting / Call Meeting

Voter's Meeting Please plan to attend the voter's meeting on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 11:30 AM. At this meeting we will elect new council members and will extend another pastoral call.

Memorial Thank you to Ellen Fitzke for her gift given in memory of Merlin Goetsch. Blessed be his memory. Thanks be to God for the love which led to this gift.

RADA Cutlery Pre-Holiday Sale The Ladies' Aid is sponsoring another RADA cutlery sale. (Psst! It's the best cutlery ever!) Catalogs are available in the narthex. Order by November 7.

Church Library Our library has been blessed with the donation of a large collection of inspirational books. Several are by Max Lucado, who is a well known Christian writer. There are many new novels, a picture book of the New Testament, and more. Reading strengthens your brain and your faith! Start reading today.

NLHS Fruit Sale Order forms are in the narthex and must be returned to Northland LHS by December 1.

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: Oct. 10, 2021					
<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Memorials</u>
\$3,076.50	\$7.50	\$85.00	\$42.00	\$65.00	\$30.00
<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition</u>	<u>Magic Paper Box</u>			
\$25.00	\$35.00	\$24.38			

Attendance Sunday, Oct. 10: Worship – 63, Online – 9 Total = 73
Bible Class - 22

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Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for:

- **Full-time Accountant** (*closes October 26, 2021, at 12:00 pm*)
- **Part-time Custodians** (*open until filled*)
- **Part-time Women's Tennis Head Coach** (*open until filled*)
- **Part-time Athletics Equipment Manager** (*open until filled*)

Interested individuals should apply online. The comprehensive position descriptions and application link can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr/. For additional information, contact the MLC Human Resources Office at 507.354.8221.



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