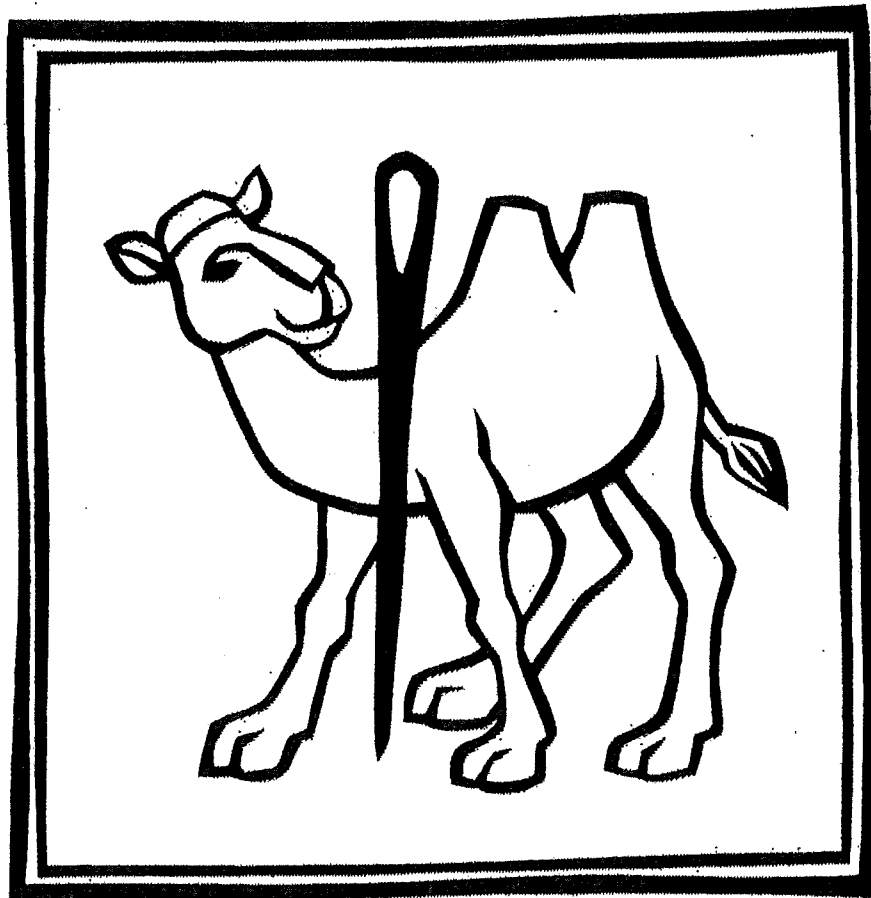


*welcome to worship on*  
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
October 10, 2021 ♦ 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM



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*The assembly's responses are in bold print.*

PRELUDE

*Toccata in E minor*

Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The absolution concludes...*

... in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

GATHERING HYMN

#532 *Gather Us In*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

*Following the prayer, the assembly is seated.*

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.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek 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.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore 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.

<sup>12</sup>For 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.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek 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.

<sup>15</sup>Hate 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.**

*Following the reading, the assembly stands.*

## ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

*Mark 10:17-31*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>17</sup>As [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?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You 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.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, 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." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It 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." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus 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, <sup>30</sup>who 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. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Following the gospel, the assembly is seated.*

SERMON

*Following the sermon, the assembly stands.*

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.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PEACE

*Each petition concludes...*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Following the Peace, the assembly remains standing.*

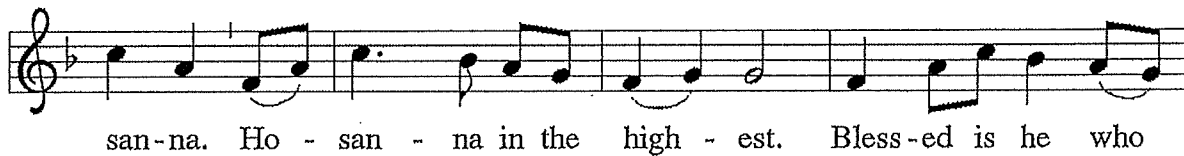
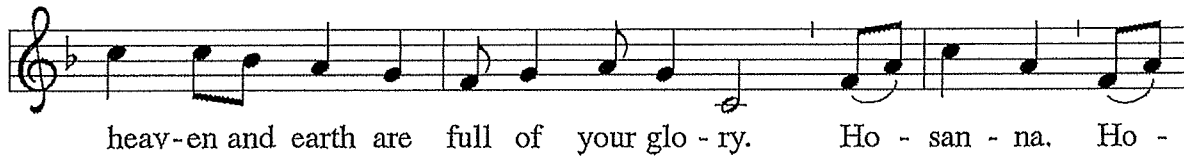
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we...join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The Words of Institution conclude...*

...be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **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.**

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

*The blessing concludes...*

...and ✠ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN #583 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

*All are invited to stay for a brief Q & A with Dr. Erwin and Ms Oslikova.*

MANY THANKS TO THE REV. DR. GUY ERWIN, and Ms Andrea Oslikova, from United Lutheran Seminary, for joining us this morning

**Assisting with Worship 8:30 AM**

Bill and Cindy Laubach, greeters ♦ Robert Hoch, head usher  
Joanne Gabel, lector ♦ Rachel Gambone, assisting minister  
Bill Laubach, Linda Lord, communion assistants

**Assisting with Worship 10:00 AM**

Tom and Sue Ziemer, greeters ♦ Youth Usher Team 2  
Bryan Wang, lector ♦ Rachel Gambone, assisting minister  
Karen Wang, Lois Hein, communion assistants  
Matt Shirk, A/V technician

Scott Boyer, altar captain ♦ Ian Levering, sexton

**WARMEST WELCOME** to this congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America! We are a Lutheran church, but we're not just for Lutherans—we belong to our community! Together we are on the journey of discipleship with Jesus, who guides us from worship to formation, from formation to fellowship, and from fellowship to Christ-like servanthood. As we journey with Jesus, we live together by five biblical guiding principles: Jesus is Lord; everyone is welcome; love changes people; everyone has something to offer; and the world needs what we have.

**PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS** to check in to Atonement on your favorite social media platform. Share a photo with your digital community and say something gentle to them in the spirit of Jesus! Please sign in on the pew pads at the ends of your rows, too!

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to receive Holy Communion at Atonement. Come down the center aisle to receive bread and a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice from the communion assistants. Deposit your empty cup in the basket at the end of the front pew and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to receive Communion with their parents' permission.

**CHILDREN** are very welcome at Atonement! Activity bags are available at the entrance to the worship space. **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** continues today during the 10:00 service. Children can begin worship with their families until Miss Melissa takes them as a group to the privacy room or parlor, then they rejoin their families for holy communion.

**RESTROOMS** are located in the hall next to the worship space.

**MASKS** are required for everyone, whether or not you have been vaccinated.

**IF YOU BROUGHT AN OFFERING TODAY** in support of Jesus' work through Atonement please leave it in the big basket on the big round table in the lobby (a.k.a. the narthex). You can also give using a credit card by texting to 610-624-8412 or scanning the QR code to the right.



**FALL ADULT EDUCATION** continues for one last Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM with a Zoom discussion series about the PBS documentary "The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song." All are welcome, no prior participation necessary!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held in the nave on five consecutive Sundays, 11 a.m. to noon, beginning October 17. Students are expected to attend 10:00 worship before the class. Our topic will be the Ten Commandments. Parents and other interested congregation members are also invited to attend the classes. For more information, contact Tom Yenser or the church office.

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Reformation Sunday, October 31, the Rev. Tom Scornavacchi presiding and Vicar Melissa Hrdlicka preaching. Come and support our ten young confirmands for this important faith milestone in their lives!

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is November 7 at 8:30 and 10 a.m. We will remember all our members who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday. If you would like a relative or other loved one added to the list of names, please contact the church office.

**CROP HUNGER WALK** takes place this afternoon at Grings Mill—you can still join us to walk or make a donation! See a staff member after worship if you have any questions.



## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish'd a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Take My Life, That I May Be

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Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Refrain/Estribillo



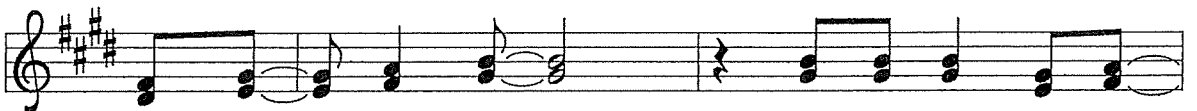
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té con - sa - gra -  
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -  
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue  
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let  
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect  
ly for my King; take my lips and let  
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.  
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estribillo

2 Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir,  
y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir. Estribillo

3 Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor;  
que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor. Estribillo

4 Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor;  
que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor. Estribillo