

A GODLY VIEW OF MATERIAL THINGS

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH | York, Nebraska

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us today. Large print hymnals and hearing assist devices are available upon request. Restrooms are located on the north side of the main level and in the lower level. If you have any questions or need assistance with anything please ask one of our ushers.

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Worship Materials

The order of service and the hymns for today are printed for you in this folder. It is also in "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal" which is in the hymnal rack on the back of each pew. Watching the theme and passage on the screen may help you prepare for worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices | 242

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

2 O forest leaves, so green and tender, That dance for joy in summer air,
O meadow grasses, bright and slender, O flow'rs, so wondrous sweet and fair,
You live to show his praise alone; With me now make his glory known.

3 All creatures that have breath and motion, That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion; Help me to raise his praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Express the wonders of his might.

4 Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Your love and grace with ev'ry breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death,
And, when at last my lips grow cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

INVOCATION

please stand

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.**

CONFESSION

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**

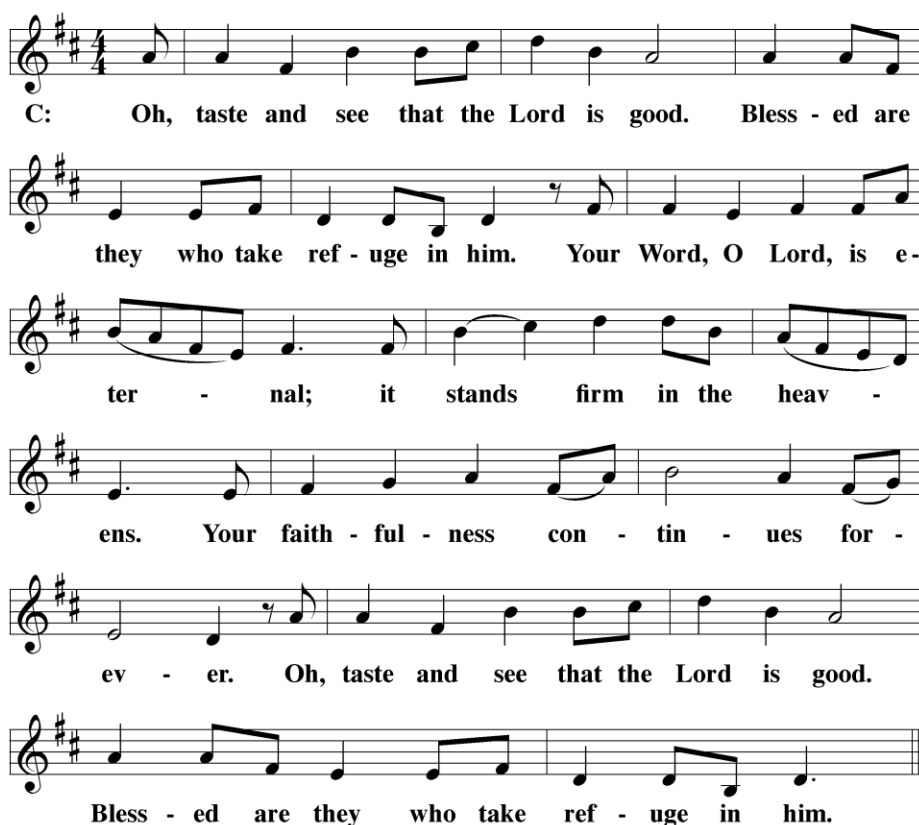
**in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.
Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

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. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Let us pray.

Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal Shalishah and brought the man of God some bread from the first ripe grain, twenty loaves of barley bread, and some new grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Set it before the people so that they can eat."

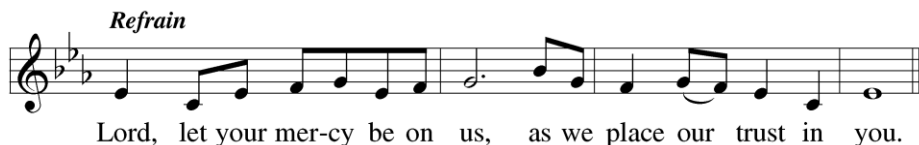
⁴³His attendant said, "How can I set this before one hundred men?" But he said, "Set it before the people so that they may eat, for this is what the LORD says: They will eat and have some left over." So he set it before them. They ate, and they had some left over, just as the LORD had said. (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

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Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:13-17

⁸God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He scattered; he gave to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

¹²To be sure, the administration of this service is not only making up for what is lacking among the saints, but it is also overflowing in many prayers of thanksgiving to God. ¹³By proving yourselves in this service, many people are glorifying God, as they see the obedience shown in your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity

shown in your sharing with them and all people. ¹⁴At the same time as they pray for you, they also express their longing for you, because of the extraordinary measure of God’s grace given to you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (EHV)

M The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia. They eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

please stand

M The Gospel according to John chapter 6.

After this, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). ²A large crowd followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he was performing on those who were sick. ³Jesus went up on the hillside and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a huge crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, “Where can we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶But Jesus was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to have just a little."

⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There's a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what is that for so many people?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, so they sat down. There were about five thousand men.

¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed pieces to those who were seated. He also did the same with the fish—as much as they wanted.

¹²When the people were full, he told his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with pieces from the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴When the people saw the miraculous sign Jesus did, they said, "This really is the Prophet who is coming into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they intended to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. (EHV)

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to Me | **477**

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize Above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth—What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

SERMON

John 6:11-15

please stand

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD.

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of
money in keeping with his income. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)*

HYMN *(sung as gifts are presented)*

We Give Thee but Thine Own | 584 v. 1

We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[M] Holy and immortal God, we thank you for having so bountifully given to the world its daily bread, providing the seed whose power unfolds to make fruitful the labors of the farmer.

[C] **If it is your will, we ask that you would grant us some needed rain as the crops mature.**

[M] We give thanks that you provided for our soul's hunger in the gift of the Bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, your Son.

[C] **Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts and find satisfaction in this heavenly food.**

[M] O Lord our God, grant that we may find in Christ the strength we do not find in ourselves: the power to uphold us in the toil and conflict of this earthly life, the resolution to do your will, and the determination to overcome our sins and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

[C] **Set watchmen over your Church who preach your Word with all boldness.**

[M] Be the Helper of all our families. Implant your Word in the hearts of our children and your love in our parents that they may enjoy now and forever the fruits of holiness.

[C] **Free the afflicted from their troubles and bind them to you that they may have abundant life, and live lives of service and praise to you.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here

[M] You know, O Lord, our frame and remember that we are dust. As we go from this holy place, by your great mercy renew us in faith, hope and love, that today and always we may live as your children; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[C] **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

[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.**

be seated

HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | **355**

1 Take the world, but give me Jesus!
All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever,
Through eternal years the same.

Refrain:

Oh, the height and depth of mercy;
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

2 Take the world, but give me Jesus,
Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o'er me,
I can sing, though thunders roll.

Refrain

3 Take the world, but give me Jesus!
In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain

PRAYER

- 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.



BLESSING

- M** 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.



CLOSING HYMN

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul | 238

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name
Whose favors are divine.

2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die.

3 'Tis he forgives my sins;
'Tis he relieves my pain;
'Tis he that heals my sicknesses
And makes me young again.

4 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest;
The Lord has judgments for the proud
And justice for th' oppressed.

5 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world his truth and grace
By his beloved Son.