

The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021

**Full Service**

**Welcome to Village Lutheran Church!** We rejoice that you are with us today. If you are a visitor, please complete a “Visitor’s Card” found in the pew rack and then place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. If you are new to the area, are seeking a church home, or are currently without pastoral care, Pastor Joel Biermann or Vicar Drew Oswald would enjoy the chance to meet you and learn how Village can best serve you.

**The Lord’s Supper** We welcome to the altar to receive the Lord’s Supper those who are members of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS. This historic practice of the Church flows from Christ’s teaching in Holy Scripture that those who receive His body and blood should be able to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11:28), that they discern the body of Christ present in the Supper (1 Cor. 11:29), and that there are to be no divisions (doctrinal or otherwise) among those who receive His body and blood (1 Cor. 11:18). The Supper is given by Christ that we may live free from sin’s guilt. Should you struggle with guilt after receiving the Supper, Pastor is available for private confession and absolution. Those who do not receive the Supper may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their hearts to indicate such. Gluten-free host is available; speak with Pastor before the service to request such. If mobility challenges prevent you from ascending the stairs to the altar, inform Pastor that he may bring the Supper to you. Ushers are available to offer a hand to those ascending the stairs. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor before the service.

### **In Our Prayers:**

**Strength and healing** Al (grandfather of Angela), Alison (friend of Charlotte), Audrey (mother of Lexine), Ava, Carolyn (mother of Molly), Cemantha (niece of Dan), Cindy (friend of Scott and Cheryl), Dan, David, Don (brother of Judy), Dorothy, Elizabeth, Hannah, Jackson (grandson of Scott & Cheryl), Jan (mother of Paul), Jill, Jim & Penny (friends of Bill & Debra), John (friend of Alan & Judy), John (friend of Sharon), London (friend of Linn), Luke, Marilyn (grandmother of Angela), Mike (son-in-law of Judy & Mike), Peter, Preston (nephew of Judy), Scott, Scott (friend of Linn), Tammy (friend of Linn), Valerie (wife of Jack); **Those suffering from disasters; Christians suffering persecution; Our homebound members; Those who rejoice; Those who mourn; Those in the military**, especially Tom and Aaron; **Those outside the faith that the Spirit would call them to faith**, especially Ken, Michael and Sarah; **Village Lutheran Preschool, its students, staff, and families; All Seminary students and Washington University students** that the Spirit would instill and strengthen their faith in Christ; **All missionaries**, especially Phillip (Francophone Africa), David & Jennifer (Dominican Republic), and Tirzah (Dominican Republic); **The community in which we live**, specifically its residents, civic leaders, government officials, and educational institutions; **Those who are unemployed or underemployed.**

### **Serving Us Today**

Celebrant: Rev. Joel Biermann

Assistant: Vicar Drew Oswald and Seminarian Adam Tanney,

Coffee Hour: Jeff & Linda Wittmaier

*NEXT WEEK:* (no one has signed up)

Altar Guild: Paul Keup and Dawn & Kurt Haldeman

Flowers are given in grateful thanksgiving to God for His abundant blessings and in honor of all of the saints who have gone before us.

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Pastor's Welcome**

October 17, 2021

**Prelude (10:45)**  
*Schola Cantorum*

*"I Will Greatly Rejoice"*  
setting by Allen Pote

*I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my song shall be full of His praise,  
For He loves me, He cares for me, He believes in me,  
and I believe in Him.  
I will sing unto God and honor Him this day.*

*God is my help in time of trouble,  
He is with me in time of fear;  
Darkness surrounds me, evil thoughts confound me,  
Yet I know my God is near.  
- from Isaiah 61*

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

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943 Kyrie — I

LSB 943



*. . . let us  
 pray to the Lord:*



Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. (*hum*)

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1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
 2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
 Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
 Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
 Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand.

<sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot.

<sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm (8:15)

*Psalm 119:9-16 (Beth)*

**P** How can young people keep their lives pure?

**C** They do it by obeying Your word.

**P** With my whole heart I have sought You;

**C** Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

**P** Your word I have treasured in my heart,

**C** I have stored up your promises so that I will not sin against You.

**P** How blessed are You, O Lord!

**C** Teach me Your statutes!

**P** With my lips I have declared all the rules of Your mouth.

**C** In the way of Your testimonies lies my joy, a joy beyond all riches.

**P** I will meditate on Your precepts;

**C** I will fix my eyes on Your ways.

**P** I will delight in Your statutes;

**C** I will not forget Your word.

### Psalmody (10:45) "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

*Psalm 150, para.*

*Schola Cantorum*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

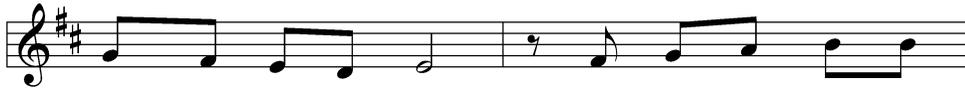
<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove      Feed day by  
 2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil;      How fair is  
 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,      Nor be weighed  
 4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,      For life is



day with care - free ease—      Does God not keep them  
 their fra - gil - i - ty—      If God clothes these, which  
 down by world - ly care;      A - bout such things the  
 more than what we own.      Our Fa - ther knows our



in His love?      Are we not worth much more than these?  
 quick - ly spoil,      Will He not clothe both you and me?  
 god - less think,      Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.  
 ev - 'ry need      Be - fore our needs to us are known.

5 Be not afraid to suffer loss  
 Of all the things for which you pray,  
 For He who faced for you the cross  
 Will give you strength to live each day.

6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
 His holy name in all you do:  
 Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
 All else will then be given you.

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*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:23–31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult 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 a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is

impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## The Fourth Petition

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?*

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

*Sit*

**Sermon** - "Don't Wait for the Plate"

*Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

### Offertory

*LSB 176*



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e - fits to



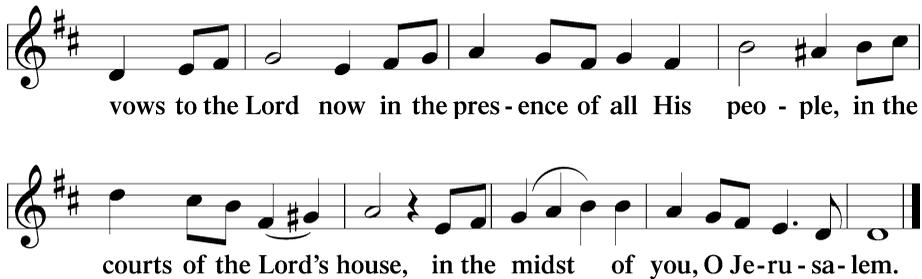
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*Stand*

## Preface

LSB 216

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
  
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### 960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

LSB 960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their

fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,  
 And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er  
 called and praised the Lord: “Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!  
 Ho-ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho-ly is God, the Lord of  
 Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!” The beams and lin-tels  
 trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,  
Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!  
Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.  
Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my  
naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er  
 I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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**784 Take My Life and Let It Be**

LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

(continued)

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee,  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

LSB 938



1 In peace and joy I now de-part Since God so wills it.  
 2 Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful Sav - ior,  
 3 You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal - va - tion;  
 4 Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in blind - ness;



Se - rene and con - fi - dent my heart; Still - ness fills it.  
 Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa - vor.  
 Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion  
 He guides and com - forts those in night By His kind - ness.



For the Lord has prom - ised me That death is but a slum - ber.  
 Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.  
 By Your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.  
 For Your peo - ple Is - ra - el In Him find joy and glo - ry.

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## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no man evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all men; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

**C** Amen.

## 730 What Is the World to Me

LSB 730



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure  
2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y  
3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers  
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,  
I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:  
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!  
My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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# Family Altar

Village Lutheran Church – Ladue, Missouri

A resource for families gathered around God’s Word

The Week of October 17-23, 2021

Preparing Proper 25(Oct23-29), 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Oct24)

**Sunday:** Reflect on the sermon and service

**Monday: Jeremiah 31:7-9** Jeremiah delivered the bad news of God’s judgment and impending exile. Why does this message of hope come even before the exile? What unites those in the list (vs. 8) of those who will be gathered? What are some of the obstacles that make it hard for you to follow God’s path for you?

**Tuesday: Hebrews 7:23-28** In Latin, the word *priest* means “bridge-builder.” How does Jesus serve as the ultimate priest? If Jesus is separated from sinners and exalted, how is he able to build a bridge to sinners? What does it mean to you that Jesus still continues to intercede for you?

**Wednesday: Mark 10:46-52** Why does Bartimaeus become even louder when told to be silent? If Jesus asked you, “What do you want me to do for you?” what would you say? This is the last story before Jesus’ Palm Sunday entrance in Jerusalem. How does Bartimaeus contrast with what Jesus will experience from the Jewish leaders?

**Thursday: Psalm 126** This is one of the psalms that would be sung by Israelite pilgrims to Jerusalem. How is a Christian able to sing this with even greater joy and celebration? What great things has God done for you? Living in a subsistence way, meant sowing was literally putting food in the ground. What “harvests” should put shouts of joy in our mouths?

**Friday:** Catechism – The Fourth Petition: Give us today our daily bread. What does this mean? What is meant by daily bread?

**Seasonal Insight:** Green is upon the altar in confession of the growth that the Spirit works in the Church through the Word.

**DELIGHTING IN GOD'S GIFTS:** In October, our congregation is focusing on stewardship - how we use God's gifts to us. To guide your reflection and to aid in making concrete decisions and commitments, you should have received a mailing regarding your stewardship of God's gifts to you. Of course, this includes your financial stewardship, but it also includes your stewardship of the gifts of time and talent God has given. Please devote time, energy, and prayer to consider how you might steward those gifts for service in God's Kingdom and for the benefit of your neighbor.

**If you did not receive the mailing:** please collect a copy in the narthex or go to [villagelutheranchurch.org](http://villagelutheranchurch.org) to find a digital copy.

**Please complete the forms and bring them to worship on October 17th or deliver them to the church office.**

**Parents, the nursery upstairs is available** for your use though currently it is not staffed (ask an usher to direct you if you have need of it). If you would like to make use of a staffed nursery during Worship or Bible Class please contact Deaconess Jostes at [deaconess@villagelutheranchurch.org](mailto:deaconess@villagelutheranchurch.org) or 314-993-1834. If there is a definite need, arrangements will be made. Thank you!

**Altar Guild Volunteers Needed:** The Altar Guild needs at least four volunteers for Holy Communion setup and cleanup. One to two people can set the altar on Saturdays or early Sunday mornings, and another person or couple is needed to clean up after Sunday's late services. The volunteer schedule rotates monthly, and training is available. Volunteers are also needed for other services (Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc.) throughout the church year. If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild, please contact Marilyn Daughetee ([marilyn5162@att.net](mailto:marilyn5162@att.net)) or the church office (314-993-1834).

**Youth Paintballing:** This Saturday, Oct. 23, 1-4 p.m. — Gateway Paintball Park — 14510 Missouri Bottom Road, Bridgeton — \$10 per person (cash or check payable to: Village Lutheran Church, youth outing on memo line). Please give payment to Mireya.

We will meet at Gateway Paintball Park. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and turn in waivers. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to stay and fellowship with other parents while the youth paintball. If parents cannot stay, pick up is at 4 p.m. Make sure to dress appropriately. Wear loose clothing, jacket or long-sleeved shirt, pants (not shorts), tennis shoes. Remember your clothes will get dirty and will have paint on it, so you may want to bring a change of clothes. Get waiver

here: <https://gatewaypaintball.com/waiver>

Arrive 15 minutes early to check-in.

**Stewardship Thought – Bible verse:** *Mark 10:29-30* – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple. Let it encourage you today.

**The Call Survey Is Ready!** Congregations call pastors so we need to hear from you, the members of Village! Please share what we should be looking for in a pastor by taking the congregational survey. You can do so online at [surveymonkey.com/r/villagelutheranchurch](http://surveymonkey.com/r/villagelutheranchurch) Paper copies are also available for those who prefer. The survey will be available until Nov. 1.



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## Sunday, October 17:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

## Tuesday, October 19:

7:00 PM Quarterlife

## Wednesday, October 20:

4:00 PM Schola Cantorum  
5:00 PM Meal  
6:00 PM Education Hour  
7:15 PM Psallite

## Friday, October 22:

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

## Saturday, October 23:

9:00 AM Village Work Day  
1:00 PM Youth Group Paintballing

## Sunday, October 24:

8:15 AM Divine Service  
9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class  
10:45 AM Divine Service

**Listening to Village---**You can listen to Village's 8:15 service with these easy steps:

- 1) Call 1-800-457-9860
- 2) When prompted, enter passcode, 8109865#

Or, **listen on online** by clicking on *Livestream during worship services* on [villagelutheranchurch.org](http://villagelutheranchurch.org)