

# Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

21 October 2018 Anno Domini

INTROIT (*Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Liturgical text*)



*The whole world is / in your power;\**  
*O Lord, King Almighty, no one can / gainsay you.*  
**For you have made | heaven and earth;\***  
**you are | Lord of all!**  
*Blessèd are those whose way is / blameless,\**  
*who walk in the law / of the LORD!*  
**Confirm to your servant your | promise,\***  
**that you | may be feared.**  
*Turn away the reproach / that I dread,\**  
*for your just de- / crees are good.*  
**Behold, I long for your | precepts;\***  
**in your righteousness | give me life!**  
*Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy / Spirit;*  
*as it was in the be- / ginning,\**  
*is now, and will be forever. / Amen.*  
*The whole world is / in your power;\**  
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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

## GRADUAL (*Ps. 90:1-2*)

**Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\***  
**in all gener- | ations.**  
*Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth / and the world,\**  
*from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.*

## Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>32</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>33</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>34</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

## Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

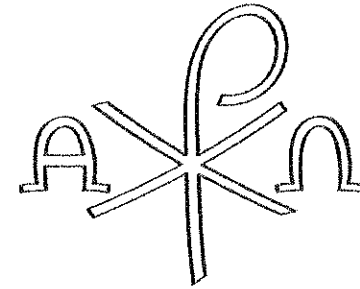
<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

## Gospel: John 4:46-54

<sup>46</sup>So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup>So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup>The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup>As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup>So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup>The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup>This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

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- The seventh hour was about 1:00 p.m.
  - "Faith believes in God's Word alone, just as the nobleman believed in Christ's words. Even though outwardly no means are visible, even though all reason strives against it, faith still clings to God's Word and knows that God can do more than we can possibly understand (Ephesians 3:20). Even when in times of trial everything departs and vanishes, faith alone must cling to the Word; it is a Word of unshakable truth (John 17:17). Whoever builds upon it, builds upon bedrock (Matthew 7:24). Whoever wishes to feel and understand things before he will believe, will not come to true faith. In worldly things feeling and understanding come first, then afterwards comes belief. But in divine things faith must come first; then one feels God's power and understands His wisdom." (Johann Gerhard. *Postilla*. Vol. 2.)
  - You see the heavy cross that Jesus placed on this official and what came of it. The only thing that's different at the end of the reading than the beginning is the official and his whole house have a stronger faith. Jesus uses cross and trial like this for your sake as well. It says in Isaiah 26:16, "O LORD, in distress they sought you; they poured out a whispered prayer when your discipline was upon them". Tribulation drives you quickly over the 17 miles to Jesus and you return with a stronger faith, more certain of Jesus' love and salvation and resting securely on his Word.
- <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.
- What we were set up to expect has now come to fruition: Jesus did another sign, and more believed. Yet in the end faith depended on Jesus' Word, not sight.



## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Andrew Richard

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#### Collect of the Day:

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#### Introit:

Psalm 119:1, 38-40 (antiphon: Liturgical Text) — *Establish Your Word to Your servant*

#### Psalm:

Psalm 8 (antiphon: v. 9) — *You have given Him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet*

#### Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 1:1-2:3 — *The Word of the Lord does what it says*

#### Gradual:

Psalm 90:1-2 — *From everlasting to everlasting, You are God*

#### Epistle:

Ephesians 6:10-17 — *The baptismal armor of God*

#### Verse:

Psalm 125:1 — *Those who trust in the Lord cannot be moved*



## JOHN 4:46-54 ESV

### Author and Date:

Written by the Apostle John around 90 AD. Prior to this account in John's record of the Gospel, Jesus had a lengthy conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. After this reading, Jesus healed the paralyzed man at the pool of Bethesda. This Gospel reading is the second of Jesus' signs, there being a total of seven in the Gospel according to John (2:1-11, 4:46-54, 5:1-17, 6:1-15, 6:16-21, 9:1-41, 11:1-44).

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill.

- This reading opens with a reference to John 2:1-11 when Jesus turns water into wine, "This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him" (John 2:11). Beginning this passage in this way makes us expect that Jesus will do another sign and that it will end with more people believing.
- Capernaum is where Jesus lived, having moved there from Nazareth (see, for example, Mark 2:1). The official was in Jesus' adult hometown and was likely familiar with the reports that were spreading about Jesus.
- Cana and Capernaum are separated by about 17 miles, a walk that took the better part of a day. Yet they are neighboring towns, and so news would spread between the two. Apparently the official had heard the report of what Jesus had done changing water into wine, knew the sorts of things that Jesus could do, heard Jesus was near, knew his son was about to die, and so set out from the shores of Galilee on the day-long trek uphill to Cana.

<sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

- Judea was the region that included places like Jerusalem and Bethlehem. North of Judea was Samaria, then north of that was the region of Galilee, which included the area around the Sea of Galilee.
- "From these words, it is evident that he had an immature faith. The fact that he asked Jesus to help his son is a sign of faith, for if he did not believe and expect every good from Jesus, he would not have approached Him and asked for His help. But the fact that he asked, and twice said that he wanted Him to come to his house and help his son, is a sign of his immature faith. For if he had a steadfast faith, he would have freely said with the centurion, 'Lord, speak but a word and my servant will be healed!' [Matt. 8:8]. But he did not believe that Christ's word was powerful enough to heal the sick unless Christ were personally present." (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 341)

<sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

- The official wasn't content to base faith on the Word alone, but wanted faith to depend on the Word *and*... The Word *and* seeing Jesus do something. Jesus rebukes this, not because this faith is *bad*. No faith is "bad" that clings to Christ. But Jesus desires that the man base his faith on His Word alone, not the Word *and*....
- There are times you do the same thing as the official. You want the Word *and* obviously answered prayers. The Word *and* some sign (other than the multitude recorded in sacred Scripture) that the Word is true. The Word *and* healing. The Word *and* relief from pain. The Word *and* a happy life. "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." (John 20:25)

<sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

- The official asks the same thing again. His weak faith persists like a baby that can only cry out and grab a finger. You can imagine the sort of patience we would have with this man: "Did you not just hear a word I said? You don't need me to come down! You need the Word! Get it through your thick skull!" But thank God Jesus is much more patient with us. He doesn't rebuke again. He is patient and bears with our weak faith and gives the Word that will strengthen that faith.

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way.

- Seventeen miles back home and all day to think about what might await him. He knows what he *saw*. He saw a dying child. He saw his son's pallid face. He saw pale lips. He saw his closed eyes. He saw the child's distraught mother. It's enough to make one faint from anxiety, or bite one's nails clean off the fingers. But this official boldly marches back home saying, "Forget what my eyes see. Curse, to the depths, what my senses perceive. I have something better. I have the Word of Jesus, and *that* is sufficient."
- The Word might seem weak as a foundation for faith unless it has something else with it. But the Word is sufficient by itself. Compare Jesus' Word to Jesus Himself and you'll see how true this is. Jesus seemed like a weak foundation for salvation. His strength was beaten out of Him. He stood helpless before His accusers. He was too weak to carry His own cross all the way up Golgotha. He died quickly as far as crucifixions go, letting go of life long before the criminals crucified on either side of Him did. Is this seriously your foundation for salvation? Yes! Yes it is! Jesus may have looked weak, but that's how He chose to defeat sin, death, and the devil.

## News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT** has resumed! May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers as we gather around God's Word, that we may grow together in fear and love of our Lord!

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 10/22 Don Nissen 10/23 Willard Garlock, Dianna Uhrich, David Witt 10/24 Viola Melvin 10/25 Beau Zimmerman 10/26 Serenity Johnson 10/27 Jaxton Nissen, Jean Thom

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 10/22 Larry E. Hammond 10/24 Jaden Lacy 10/25 Mary Keogh, Scott Keogh 10/27 Lydia Wolfe, Ruth Ohlsen

**HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER** available in the Narthex September 23-November 3, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

**OCTOBER BUCKET: Pastor Appreciation Month** by Elders L.W.M.L. collecting Gift Cards for Seminary Students now through Wednesday, Oct. 31. envelopes available.

**YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT - Food Boxes:** Now Collecting dry goods, canned food, and non-perishable items until Sunday, Dec. 16th, 2018. Thanks For Your Support Sunday School & Family Night Students.

**HEARTLAND LUTHERAN**-Annual Reformation Service will be Wednesday, Oct 31 at 7pm. The Junior class will be serving dinner for a free-will donation starting at 5:30p. Hot Dog or Brat, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Dessert.

**LADIES:** Vacation time Oct. 29-Nov. 2nd, Please call the Church Office - Answer phone, light duties. Thanks, Jeri

**LIFEQUOTE** "So, let us say yes to the opportunities before us that God has prepared for us to do! To say 'Here We Stand' ... in defense and protection of the precious and vulnerable human lives that are the handiwork of God from the moment of conception to natural death." *Lynette Auch, president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP (Trinity 21)**

**Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning God created ..."** Many studies report atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist - and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution - then we get to make our own rules and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. Because if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

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October 21st  
8:00am & 10:30am



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

**The Lord's Supper is a Gift** . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let Pastor or an Elder know beforehand!

**All Guests** should visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**The Divine Service** utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

## Prayers of the Church

**Mourning** + Family of Anita Bennett + Family of Chuck Theesen **Expecting** + Sara Armon + Erica Siebert + Kayla Reutzel + Jessica (Jay Jay) Morgan **Holy Matrimony** + Roger & Julie (Klatt) Volk + Matt & Andrea (Hesterman) Simianer **Divine Call** + Pastor Mackay & family **Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Roger Buck + Ronda Johnson + Angel Adz + Norma Hanson + Tammy Rodriguez + Ramona Holtzen + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Health Issues** + Margret Herbert + Jean Thom + Sandy Nissen + Carol Smith + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

## In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U. S. Navy, Retired  
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk  
 Altar Guild: Oct. Shamon B., Jeanne Buck Nov. Lisa N., Janelle H.  
 Ushers: 8:00am Dale B., Craig W., 10:30am Shannon, Collin, Hunter F.  
 Elders: 10/21 8am Wes C. 10:30a Don N. 10/28 Dale G. 308-641-6658  
 Bus Drivers: 10/21 Gary O. 402-469-9797 10/28 Mike N. 402-469-4838

## Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	149	<u>YTD Avg Weekly Attendance</u>	151
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 3,760.51	<u>Jan-Sept Income</u>	\$ 116,355.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,378.85	<u>Jan-Sept Expense</u>	\$ 147,382.00

OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Loan Balance as of 9/30/18 \$ 191,516.00

*A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Questions? Contact our Treasurer, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com*

## The Lord's Week

Sunday, October 21st	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		
	4-6:00pm	Baby Shower		
Wednesday, October 24th	2:00pm	Calling & Caring		
	5:00pm	Volunteers to remove Life Flag Display		
	5:30pm	Meal	6:00pm	Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship	7:30pm	High School Youth
Sunday, October 28th	8:00am	Divine Service		
	9:30am	Bible Class & Sunday School		
	10:30am	Divine Service		

*Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com*

## God Declares Us Righteous

*"Let there be light," and there was light" (Gen. 1:1-2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father's creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, "Go; your son will live" (John 4:46-54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman's son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord's Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-17). "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."*



## DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

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