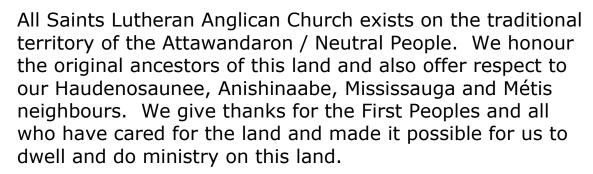
October 22, 2023

21st Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Assisting Minister pours water into the font

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning, you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.



We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here



GREETING

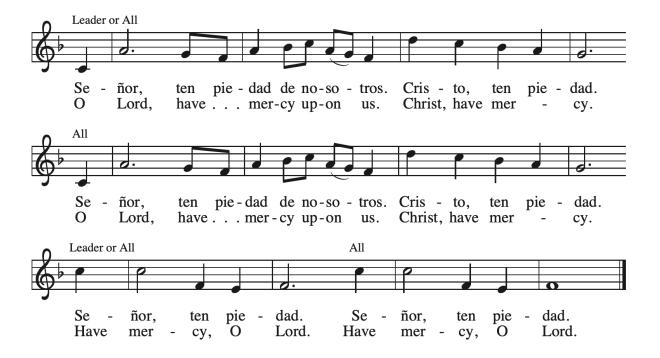
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

This reading follows the story of the 'golden calf,' in which the people broke the covenant God had graciously made with them. In anger God has declared that an angel, not God, would accompany them to the promised land. Here Moses pleads with God that without God's presence, Israel cannot be God's people.

¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall

see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99



¹The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let I the earth shake.

- ²The LORD, ¹ great in Zion, is high a- ¹ bove all peoples.
- ³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome; God is the ¹ Holy One.
- 40 mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- 1 tablished equity;

you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹ fore God's footstool;

God is the | Holy One.

6Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your I name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you I answered them,

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

***O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;** you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.

9Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill; for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. R



SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

This is the introduction to the earliest letter of Paul's that has been preserved. Indeed, this is the earliest written Christian document that we have, probably written in the early 50s of the first century.

The reading: 1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

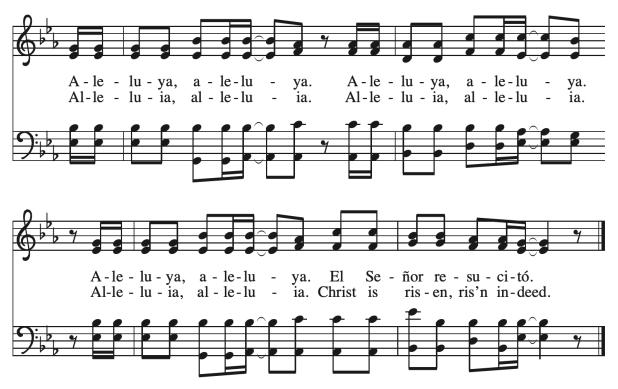
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us

what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹ºand to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you

think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

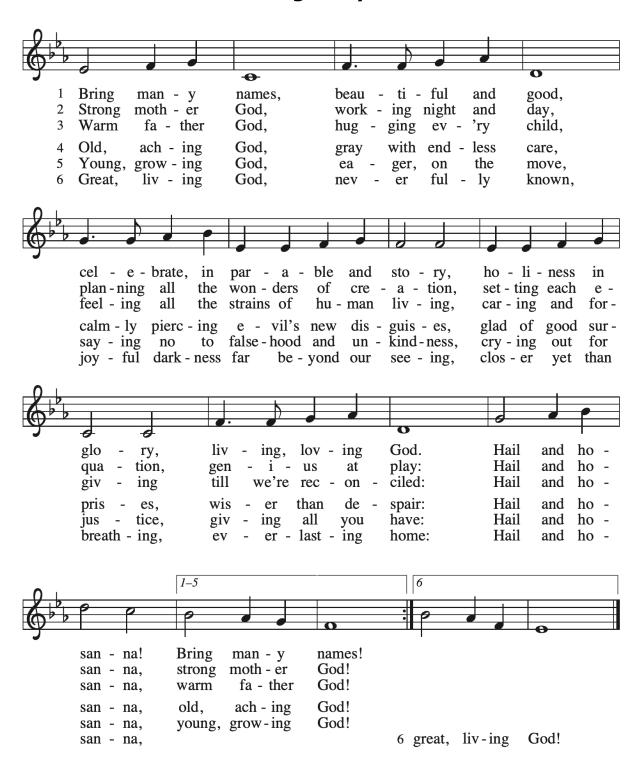
The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Bring Many Names



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith and enlarge our hearts for the labour of love. With our Lutheran and Anglican bodies across Canada we pray today for The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster, and for an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your rule and authority is over the cosmos and all lands and peoples. Guide elected leaders and public servants with your wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for all leaders involved in the war in Gaza and Israel, that the innocent would be cared for and not treated as pawns in this terrible fight. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Bill, Isa, Benito, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Cathy, Orland and those we name before you in our hearts (silence...). God of grace, hear our prayer.

All our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church our treasurers, finance committee, and council, as they manage financial matters. We celebrate with Linda Zytner and Colton McFatridge as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac es, tribes, and na tions, hear the Ho ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel-come an - gels un - a-ware. stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man - y folds. bid - ding all to work to - geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



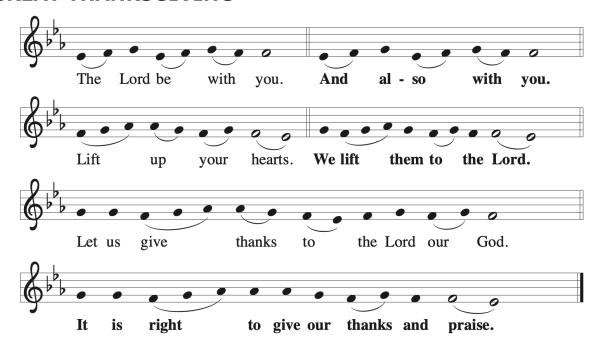
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

...and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent Jesus to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again and again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of Christ, through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER



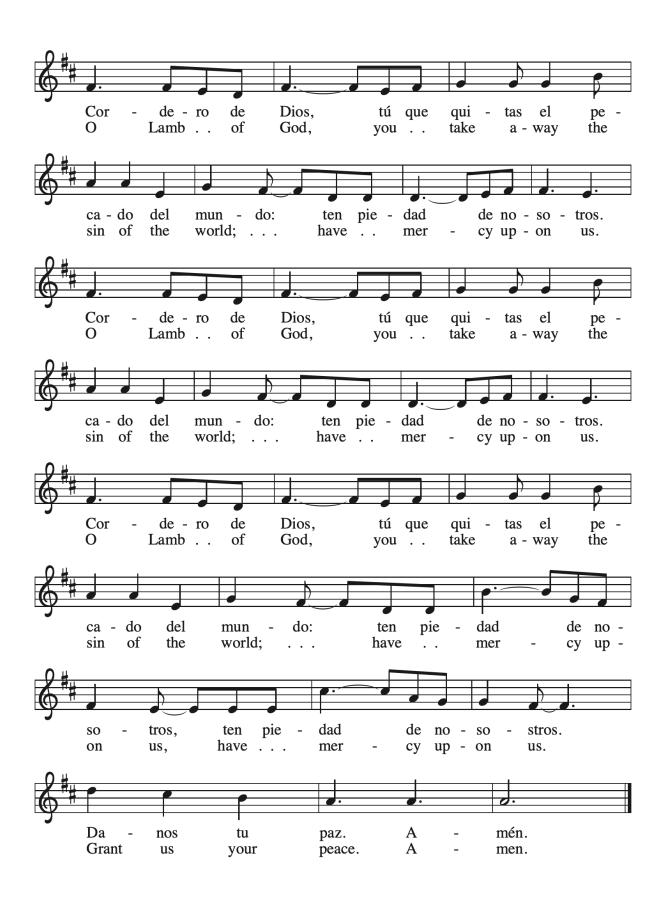
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!



COMMUNION HYMNS

| Let Us Praise You Name | Blue 338 |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Rock of Ages | Red 623 |
| Take My Life, and Let It Be | Blue 435 |

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way and equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon your and be gracious to you.

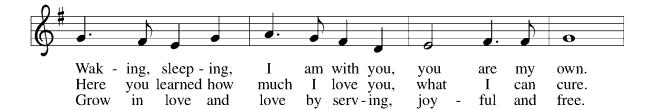
May God look upon you with favour and give you peace.

Amen

The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING SONG Go My Children With My Blessing







In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE