

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

9:00 a.m.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcement, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Chosen People – Dakota Road

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*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 Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹"This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ²I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 22

Glory to you, Oh Lord

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

Why Christ-Crucified Is Our Purpose

Pr. Andrew Young

*SONG OF THE DAY

"We Are a Chosen People"

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*APOSTLES CREED

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your Mercy

Hear Our Prayer

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also with you.

THE OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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BENEDICTION

***SENDING SONG**

"We Can Make a Difference"

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Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe

Pastors: Andrew Young

Piano:	Jinx Sorensen
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf & Khristy Barber
Greeters:	Kelsey Stevens/Jayne Swenson
Refreshments:	Julie Hanson/Char Somers
Reader:	Darlene Idland
Council:	Tiina Smith/Adam Byrd/Megan Paulson
Altar Guild:	Sandy Speerstra/Karlene Swenson

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Joe Sutton will be having surgery October 21 to remove blood clots from his lungs....prayers for Joe and his family, as well as his medical team.

Connie Holton is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Linda Miller's 10-year-old great niece Ava has been diagnosed with a rare cancer. Prayers for the family and the medical team treating her.

Mike Mattson's brother Peter and family thank Peace for the prayer support. He is home recovering. Please pray the cancer has not spread beyond his right kidney and that his remaining kidney will sustain his life..

Prayers for Annie K.'s parents....her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.

Continued prayers for strength and health restoration for Vickie Streich

Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!

Dee Feddes's friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.

Jodi Robbins continuing her cancer treatment; prayers appreciated.

Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.

Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.

Carl Watts, friend of the Young family.... wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita, Kenya

SERMON NOTES