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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020

Worship Service

To conduct this liturgy in the home, the head of the household is to serve as the Minister. The remaining people who have gathered will be the Congregation.

Invocation

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, on behalf of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with gratitude and joy. Instill within us a desire to reach out to the lost with the saving message of the gospel. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD
EHV TRANSLATION

*The Word of God, hymns, and sermon are on the zionleeds Youtube channel,
available at zionleeds.org*

First Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. "Then he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!' "But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed

those murderers and burned their town. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.' Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem-
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear - ful

pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
 o - cean wild. Bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will
 break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com - pass
 When thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov - 'reign
 Then, while lean - ing on thy breast, May I hear thee

come from thee: Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
 say to me, "Fear not! I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-88, abr.
 Tune: John E. Gould, 1822-75

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Sermon

Sermon Text

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Philippians 4:4-13

The First Petition of the Lord's Prayer

Luther's Small Catechism

M: Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

M: How is God's name kept holy?

C: God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!

Thank Offering to the LORD

"Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.

C: Amen.

