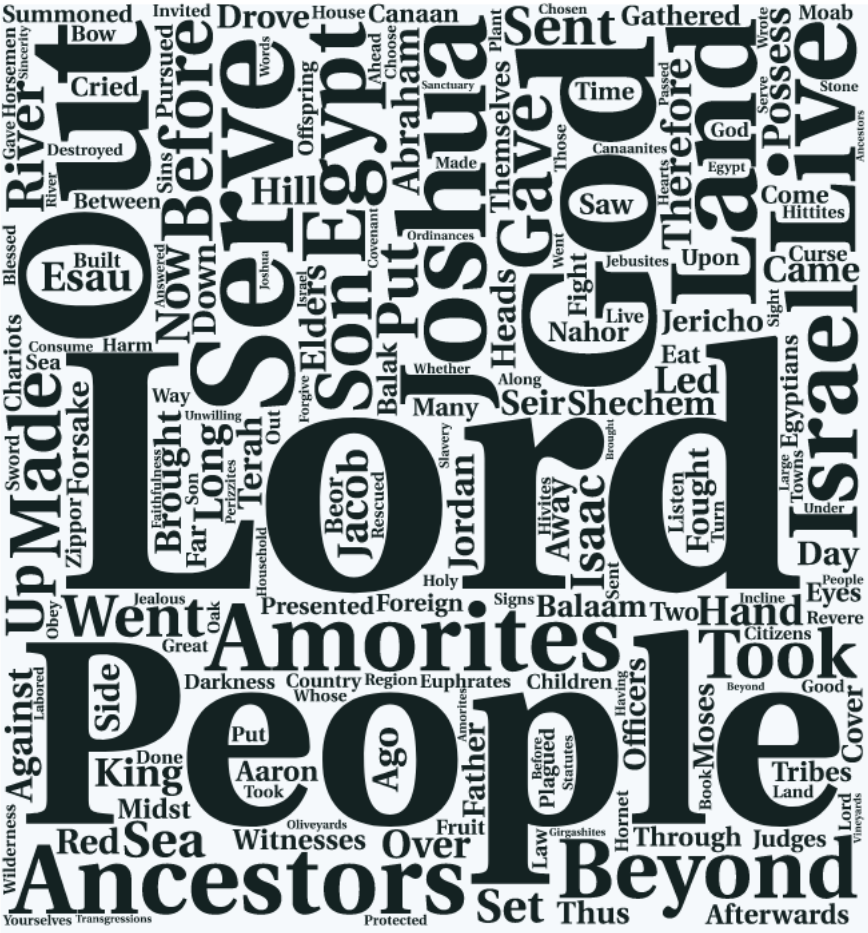

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua Renews the Covenant

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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God,

You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made. Amen.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven, and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation, in Jesus' holy name. **Amen**.

(+) Gathering Song *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW 533

1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

(+) Greeting

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

(+) *Glory to God* p. 121

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

3 For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

(+) Prayer of the Day

God of promise,

Renew in us each day your covenant with us—that you will be our God and we will be your people. Open our hearts to your call to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, serve, and do justice for the flourishing of all creation. Guide us in all we do and say this day and every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1st Reading Joshua 24:1-15

24:1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem
and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers
of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And
Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham
and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.
3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and
led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring
many. I gave him Isaac, 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I
gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his
children went down to Egypt. 5 Then I sent Moses and Aaron,
and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I
brought you out. 6 When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt,
you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors
with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. 7 When they cried
out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians
and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your
eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the
wilderness a long time. 8 Then I brought you to the land of the
Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought
with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took

possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. [9] Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, [10] but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand. [11] When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. [12] I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. [13] I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

[14] "Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. [15] Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation p. 198

Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 4:8-10

P: The gospel according to Matthew…

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

4:8 Again, the devil took [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, [9] and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." [10] Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* ELW 802

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy;
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: God of mercy and grace,
C: We lift our prayers to you.

Peace

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings. Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.

Offering Song *Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Offering Prayer

Holy God,
all of creation—all that is—comes from you and belongs to you. Free us from our attachments to our earthly possessions, and receive from them these offered gifts out of what you have given us, for the ongoing work of your love for all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving (spoken) p. 129

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
… we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,…
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant…
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
In the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection…
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate…
And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.
Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age...
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

(+) The 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.

Communion

We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar. The cups in the center contain grape juice; the others have wine.

We can bring communion to you at your seat if that is helpful – just let the usher know. Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to commune that way.

Lamb of God p. 201

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table
to serve a needy world.
As you have blessed us,
may we become a blessing to others,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Announcements

(+) Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

(+) Sending Song *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

(+) Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – October 18, 2026

This week at CTV

Today **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

Coming up…

10/25 **Reformation Sunday** – Worship, 9:30 AM
Joshua Renews the Covenant– Joshua 24:1-15; Matthew 4:8-10
Wear red if you like!
Fellowship following worship
AA Meeting, 4:30 PM

11/1 **All Saints Day**

Names of the faithful departed for All Saints Sunday
If you have a loved one who has died in the past year and you would like us to lift up their name as part of our All Saints Day observation in worship on November 1, please write down their name on the sheet on the credenza in the entryway.

October Food Pantry Wish List

Chili	Beef Stew
Ravioli With Meat	Spam
Spaghetti Sauce with Meat	