

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Opening Hymn *Today Your Mercy Calls Us* *LSB 915*

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Service of the Word

Introit

P: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

C: **Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.**

P: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

C: **It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.**

P: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

Gradual

ALL: **He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Amen.**

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Hymn of the Day	<i>Church of God, Elect and Glorious</i>	LSB 646
Sermon Theme	<i>"We are God's Fellow Workers"</i>	
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Stewardship Litany: *(1 Corinthians 3:9; Luke 19:10)*

- P: God has work to do here on earth, and He gives us the honor and the privilege to be His fellow workers.
- C: Thank You heavenly Father for choosing to work through us in Your mission to seek and save the lost.**
- P: In our work as Your fellow workers, we know that You are always with us and our wisdom and strength come from You.
- C: Lord, help us to fix our eyes on You as we use our hands, feet, and mouth to help others come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.**
- P: Help us, Lord, to be ready and available fellow workers through whom You work. May we bear much fruit as we commit our time, talents, and money to Your service.
- C: Lord, empower us to be God-centered people who seek to please You as Your fellow workers.**
- P: Father, grant us joy in sharing our lives and gifts with those we serve.
- C: Father, thank You for the honor to be Your fellow workers in our homes, neighborhoods, cities, country, and overseas.**
- All: Lord, grant us faith so that we seek to do Your will and want to please You. Thank You, Lord, for calling and equipping us to be Faithful Participants in God's Mission.**

Prayer of the Church

- P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Almighty and everlasting God, look with compassion on Your Church. Protect Your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from You into the deceitfulness of sin. By Your Spirit's power, enable us to hold our original confidence firm to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: O Lord, God of hosts, keep us from hating those You send to reprove us with Your law. Do not let us abhor those who speak Your truth to us, that we might repent and live. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, Your Son warns us against the danger of trusting in wealth and earthly goods. Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with our worldly possessions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, in kindness remember the president of our country, our Congress and justices, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling. Make their service a blessing to our land and its people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, have pity on all Your servants afflicted in body or soul. Satisfy them with Your steadfast love in Christ, and grant health and healing in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful of every time and place who heard Your Word and held their confidence firm to the end. Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may have our share with them in the eternal inheritance that You have promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Stewardship Emphasis: Faithful Participants in God's Mission

This is the second week of our stewardship emphasis, **Faithful Participants in God's Mission**. The theme for this week is ***"We Are God's Fellow Workers."*** This theme comes from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians when he wrote, *"For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building"* (1 Corinthians 3:9). As God's fellow workers, we are guided and equipped by Him to do the works He has prepared for us to do. He calls us to be His instruments through which He shares His grace, love, and mercy with the world. It is amazing that, in spite of our sinful ways, God calls us to participate with Him in sharing the good news of the Gospel. He wants to work with us to bring about His will on earth. God *"desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4), and He blesses us with the honor and privilege to help others enjoy His kingdom now on earth and to be with Him forever in eternity. Each of us has a purpose to fulfill, so we are an important part of God's plan. May God find each of us available and eager to be **Faithful Participants in God's Mission**.

Faithful Participants in God's Mission

**INSTEAD OF USING HIS ANGELS,
GOD CHOSE TO USE US AS HIS
FELLOW WORKERS IN MINISTRY.**

*"For we are God's fellow workers. You
are God's field, God's building"*
(1 Corinthians 3:9).

