Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024



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GATHERING

Prelude "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place/The Solid Rock" arr. Brant Adams

- P) Whoever you are. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey,
- C) You are welcome here!

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession and Forgiveness

Welcome

- P) In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C) Amen.
- P) Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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.
- C) Amen
- P) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel as you are able)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P) Most merciful God,
- C) we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P) Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C) Amen

(Please stand as you are able)

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

- P) Let us pray,
- C) Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C) Amen.

(Please be seated)

WORD

A) Our First reading comes from Isaiah 53:4-12

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich.

although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

- A) Word of God, Word of life.
- C) Thanks be to God.

Our Second reading comes from Hebrews 5:1-10

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

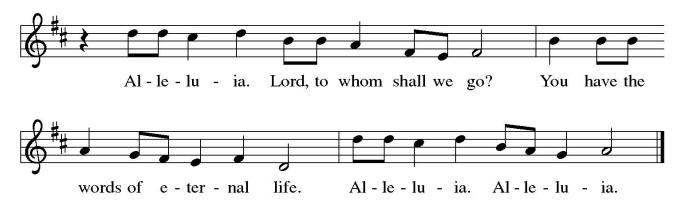
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and

having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

- A) Word of God. Word of life.
- C) Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation



- P) The holy gospel according to Mark the 10th Chapter
- C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

- P) The gospel of the Lord.
- C) Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Youth Message

Bishop Phyllis Milton

Sermon

Bishop Phyllis Milton

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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A) With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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 into hell
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.

ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CALL COMMITTEE

P) The following people have been appointed by the Congregational Council to serve as members of the Call Committee of Christ Lutheran Church. We give thanks for their willingness to serve in this significant ministry of the congregation. As your names are announced, please come forward to be installed in your office as members of the Call Committee:

William Franz
Marty Riedl
Trenton Hizer
Tamara Thompson
Derek Meyer
Diane Kellogg

P) Dear Friends in Christ: You have been called to a shared position of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to be mindful that your mutual actions and deliberations bear witness to God, who gathers us together within the whole church. You are to be conscientious in your service, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation and in its witness to the wider church, the community, and the whole world. You are to be mindful that your mutual actions and deliberations bear witness to God, who gathers us together within the whole church. You are to be mindful of the sacred trust that is given to you, you are admonished that your deliberations as a Committee are to be held in strict confidence, and are not to be discussed or shared beyond your meeting. As you deem it to be appropriate, you may, from time to time, share with the Congregational Council and the general membership of the congregation a progress report of your work. You are to be faithful in this specific area of service, consistent with the guidelines of the Virginia Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, so that the Holy Spirit who empowers you may be glorified. Finally, you are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation. On behalf of your fellow members, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Call Committee on which you have agreed to serve?

Call Committee Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

(The congregation stands, and the Committee members face the assembly as the Pastor continues)

- P) People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, the chosen members of your Call Committee, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized in his name?
- C) We will, and we ask God to help us.

(Those being installed turn to face the Pastor who continues:)

- P) I now declare you installed as members of the Call Committee of Christ Lutheran Church. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, + that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
- C) AMEN

(Please kneel as you are able)

Prayers of Intercession

A) Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

- A) Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.
- A) Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.
- A) Empowering One, fill the leaders of government with a spirit of service that prioritizes the health, safety and well-being of all in their charge, and provide conditions to enable all to achieve their desired economic potential. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.
- A) Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, especially, Bob Boclair, Sandra Boclair, Jim Pickels, Linda Pickels, Liz Baisden, Cheryl Glaubinger, Carol Grayson, Frannie Kirkpatrick, Brooke Meisel, Charlie Peterson, Willy Carey, George & Jeannine Springer, Vincent Baltor, Rebecca Yensen, Kitsy Cochran, Jennifer Whitesides, James Conway, Jamie Glendenning, Marietta Julienne, John McCurdy, Barbara Taylor, Avery Small, Austin Hobson, John Modi, Diana Ray, Mary Murphy, Beau Sahnow, Mat Lewis, Stephen Milton, Rylan French, Sue Hromyak, Cheryl Canipe, Ann Marie Farnsworth, and all who are recovering from both Hurricane Helene and Milton. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.
- A) Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.
- A) Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,
- C) hear our prayer.

- A) Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
- C) Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

Peace

- P) The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C) And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

Offertory Anthem

"A Mighty Fortress Still"

arr. Bill Ingram

(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Prayer

- A) Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C) Amen.

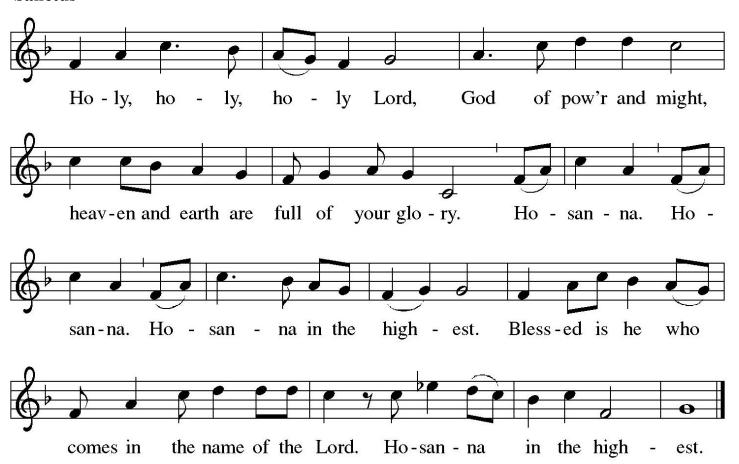
The Great Thanksgiving

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

Preface:

P) It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

With this bread and cup
We remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

- C) Amen
- P) Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

(Please be seated)

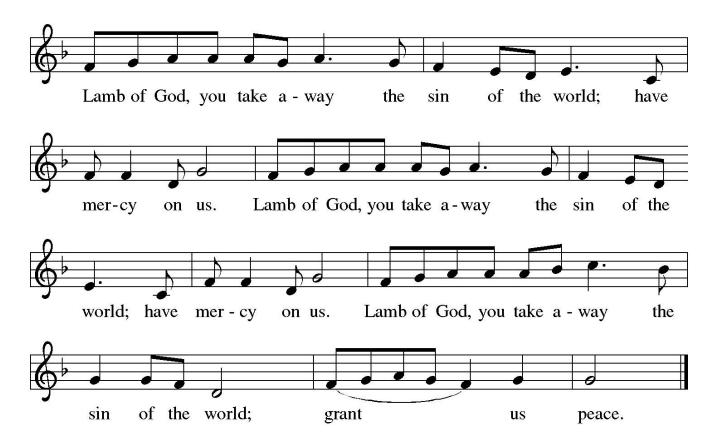
Invitation to Communion

P) Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion

We offer communion to all, regardless of Christian tradition, who are seeking to know and live into the grace of God in the bread and wine, Body and Blood of Christ. If you would prefer a wafer rather than the communion bread, ask for it as the bread is distributed. Likewise, those who prefer grape juice instead of wine, please indicate your wishes as the wine is distributed.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn

"God So Loved the World"

Wayne I. Wold

(Please stand as you are able)

Post Communion Prayer

- A) O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- C) Amen.

(Please be seated)

Announcements

(Please stand as you are able)

Sending

Blessing

- P) The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- C) Amen.

Sending Hymn

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

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Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C) Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" setting, Michael Burkhardt

Prayer List Relationships

CLC Members - Bob Boclair, Sandra Boclair, Jim Pickels, Linda Pickels, Liz Baisden, Carol Grayson, Frannie Kirkpatrick, Brooke Meisel, Charlie Peterson, Willy Carey, George & Jeannine Springer, Vincent Baltor, Ann Marie Farnsworth.

Family Members and Friends – Kitsy Cochran (wife of member John), Jennifer Whitesides (Jim and Edith Ingraham's daughter), James Conway (grandson of Pam & Barry Kintzer and Suzanne & Doug Conway), Rebecca Yensen (Diane Ransone's niece), Barbara Taylor (Dawn Bahen's mother), Marietta Julienne (Mari Julienne's mother), Jamie Glendenning (Pauline Glendenning's daughter-in-law), John McCurdy (Frank Greenday's cousin, Avery Cooper Small (Diane Ransone's grandson), Austin Hobson (son of Faith Hobson), John Modi (friend of Kayley Greenday), Diana Ray (Kathi Harris' mother), Mary Murphy (Marty Riedl's sister), Beau Sahnow (family friend of Bob & Sandra Boclair), Mat Lewis (former member), Stephen Milton (Edith Ingraham's brother), Rylan French (friend of Tinky Keen), Sue Hromyak (Suzanne & Doug Conway's sister-in-law), Cheryl Canipe (charter member Conley Canipe's daughter).

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jan & Ernie Foltz in memory of Gene & Jo Foltz.

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Prelude

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Hymns

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