

Service of Holy Communion
19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 2021
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE “Voluntary in Eb Major” - Maurice Greene
 “Plainte” - Jean Langlais
 Three Preludes on “Gott sei Dank” - Michael Sullivan

WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal and forgive us. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

To you, O God,
all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you,
confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in
your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in
justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our
Savior.
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The congregation may stand or sit.

GATHERING HYMN

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High". sts. 1, 4-6 Red Book #835

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Following the message, the children are blessed to go downstairs to children's church or to return to their families. The children's church returns to the sanctuary during the sharing of the peace.

FIRST READING **Genesis 2:18-24**

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So

the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8 *read responsively*

¹O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! —

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 10:1-16

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

¹He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them ²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come

to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

Red Book #640

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our creator, you made us for relationship with you and with one another. Give us hearts ready to do your will. When conflict arises in the human family, give us the grace and humility to repent where we have caused hurt and seek reconciliation for the sake of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give that same spirit of grace and humility to our nation as we work through multiple crises. Help us to turn toward, rather than against, one another, and frustrate the plans of those who would divide us for selfish gain. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace and humility to couples going through divorce. Overcome bitterness with joy, hatred with love, and brokenness with life. Help those who parent children to make sound decisions for them. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace and mercy to those in special need today. We remember especially those who flee violent conflict in their homelands, those who are suffering from covid and all who care for them, those whose work is dangerous or physically demanding, all those who are recovering from injury or surgery, and those whose hearts are broken for whatever reason. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of new creation, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death you promised to replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. Keep hope alive in us until that day we join our ancestors in the faith. Grant that we, with them, may welcome the kingdom of heaven as little children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Love Has Made Us One”

- Karen Crane

- Douglas Nolan, *arr.*

The congregation may stand.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a half note.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(the presiding minister continues giving thanks)*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets... *(the presiding minister continues giving thanks, concluding)* ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the table, for all is now ready.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The congregation may be seated.

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to Holy Communion today. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. The ushers will invite you forward to receive; please keep 6 feet of distance between you and the next group of communicants. Gluten free wafers are available; please let the pastor know if you wish to receive them. If you are able to receive either bread or wine (but not both), please know that you still receive the full communion.

The congregation may stand.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Beloved God, Will Heed” - J.S. Bach

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. May the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

Red Book # 603

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“In God, My Faithful God”

- Johann F. Doles

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sue Morrow	Assisting Minister
Jeanne Graff	Reader
Christiaan van Driel	Crucifer
Signe Mitchell	Organist

Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Josh Kamerer	AV Assisting Minister
Melody Kamerer	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Jack Rudzki and Larry Christy	Ushers
Jim and Jeanette Cunningham	Counters

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kevin and Linda Mathias.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 10/4	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 10/6	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 10/7	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 10/8		Pr. Kimberly's day off
Saturday, 10/9	9 AM – 1 PM	DAR Meeting (Social Hall)
	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's church returns to First English today! This aspect of worship allows children under age 10 to experience the scripture readings in ways that are appropriate for them.

Sundays @ Lutheran continue today for all children age 3 - confirmation age 3. **WE WILL BE AT THE OCTAGON SHELTER** (on the other side of the road from the Dogwood Shelter). *Please RSVP to Sharon at sharonfelc@zoominternet.net if your child plans to attend.*

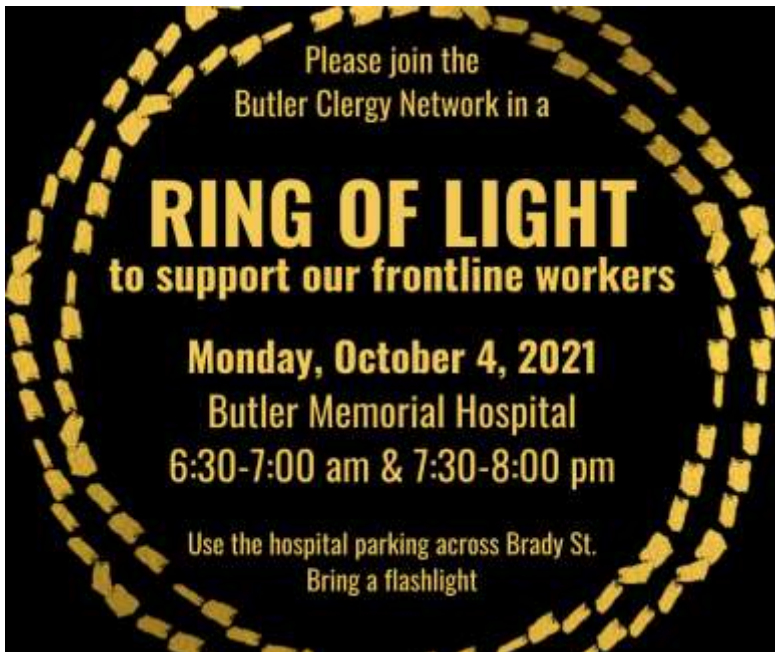
Book Study: *The Difficult Words of Jesus*

Jesus said some of the strangest things. "Go, sell all you own." "Hate your mother and father." He compared his people to slaves and initially limited his mission to his own people. These sayings challenge our belief that God loves everyone and desires our freedom. So, what do these sayings mean? In this six-week study, we'll dive into Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus* and learn more about these hard sayings.

The study will take place for six weeks on Wednesdays from October 13 to November 17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Check the church email the week before for a link. The book is [available on Amazon](#) and other online retailers.

St. Faustina Parish is offering an Oktoberfest take-out dinner at St. Christopher Church in Prospect on Saturday, Oct. 9th from 3 – 6 p.m.

Butler Hospital is now allowing pastoral visitation. If you are hospitalized and would like Pr. Kimberly to visit, please let the church office know.





Please Join Us for
Outdoor Worship at Lutherlyn
on Sunday, October 17th

10:00 AM - Dogwood Shelter
Coffee & Donuts to Follow
Sunday School at 11:30 AM

PRAYERS

Jan Nieto; Jeff LaLonde; the Pelgrin and Buehler family; Jean Morrow; families of Joan Chew, Henry Sinopoli, and Mark Grossman; family of Shirley Sellers; family of Barbara Petanovich and Curtis Wilbert; friend of the Swansons; Don, Betty and family; Mia Gill; Claude and all the soldiers who have been recently deployed to Kuwait as well as their families; Eleanor Roth; Joe Roudebush; Joe and Linda; Dave Konesni; Raymond Sawyer; Donna; the family of Rita Wagner; the family of Carol Duffus; Judy O. and family; Graham Cannon; Anne Ferguson; Claudia; Karen; Anita; Joyce Hall; Kitty Walker; Nancy Hoehn; Tad Sellers; Aryl Bashline; Jenna; Tom Olson; Pam Patterson

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

The Almighty hidden from Job's searching

Psalms 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)

Hebrews 4:12-16

Approach the throne of grace with boldness

Mark 10:17-31

Teaching on wealth and reward