

Service of Holy Communion
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE “What Is the World to Me?” - Richard Hillert
 “Take My Life, and Let It Be” - Camil van Hulse
 “Simple Gifts” - Russell Schulz-Widmar, *arr.*

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

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" sts. 1, 2, 5 Red Book #833

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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through 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 Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Having experienced much loss, Job longs to come into God's presence, where he can defend his own righteousness. Job cannot find God, but he never doubts that God exists and is in relationship with him. Job knows that he will come out of this time of testing refined like pure gold.

¹Job answered [his friend:]

²"Today also my complaint is bitter;

[God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning.

³Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

⁴I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

⁵I would learn what he would answer me,

and understand what he would say to me.

⁶Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

⁷There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

⁸"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

⁹on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

¹⁶God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

¹⁷If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:1-15

read responsively

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

²**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

³Yet you are the Holy One,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴**Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸**"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother's breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is no one to help.

¹²**Many young bulls encircle me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**

¹³They open wide their jaws at me,
like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax.**

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the
roof of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the dust of death.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I May Be” Red Book #583

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.

A brief silence.

God of love and light, your Son left the riches of heaven to draw us into eternal life.

Help us, your church, to hold lightly our possessions, our ideas, and our notions of the way things should be, so that we can be free to follow and to serve your Son in lifegiving ways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us leave behind practices and ways of life that harm creation's soil, air, and water and move us toward care of creation. Help especially all that suffers from the oil spill in California. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help those who have had to leave home and possessions to flee violence, disaster, war, or poverty. Provide for refugees and migrants, especially those detained in camps or military bases. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help those who, like Job, have lost hope and faith and are overwhelmed by suffering. Find them in the midst of their hurt and pain. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help those who are ill. This day, we remember those who are undergoing treatment for cancer and for covid. Help those who care for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

OFFERTORY “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” - Jan Bender

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.

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.

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 of Grace and God of Glory"

Red Book #705

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte"

- Max Reger

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sandy Lefebvre	Assisting Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Reader
Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Holly Schubert	Children's Church
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Heather Helsel	PowerPoint Assisting Minister

Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Stan Graff and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ed and Grace Shields in gratitude for and in celebration of 62 years of marriage on October 10th.

Organ flowers are given to the glory of God by Rose Cooper in memory of her husband, Gary, on his birthday October 9th, and in memory of loved ones.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 10/11	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday, 10/12	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, 10/13	11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 10/14	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 10/15		Pr. Kimberly's day off
Saturday, 10/16	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sunday, 10/17	10:00 AM	Worship at Lutherlyn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sundays @ Lutherlyn continue next Sunday, October 17th 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.

Trunk or Treat at Lutherlyn on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 11:45 am until 12:15 pm! If you would like to hand out individually wrapped/pre-packaged treats to the Sunday School students, please meet at Dogwood Shelter. Please let Sharon know if you plan to participate: sharonfelc@zoominternet.net.

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



PRAYERS

Bill and Judy Vilcheck and family; Kara and family; family of Larry Kline; 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 38:1-7 [34-41]

Challenge to Job from God, the creator

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all. (Ps. 104:24)

Hebrews 5:1-10

Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45

Warnings to ambitious disciples