

Service of Holy Communion
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE “Morning Has Broken” - Setting/ John Carter
 “This Is My Father’s World” - Setting/ John Carter

WELCOME

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR IN RESIDENCE

People of God, will you receive Pr. Ryan into this ministry
as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work’s sake,
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Pr. Ryan, I now declare you installed as our pastor in residence.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

Amen.

Almighty and ever-living God, as you called apostles and evangelists,
pastors and teachers to instruct, comfort, admonish, and care for us, so
you have called Ryan. Fill him with wisdom and patience, with love, and
with faithfulness to your word, that he may with gladness preach,
administer the sacraments, teach, comfort, counsel, and guide your
people to maturity in Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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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 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.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Following the message, the children are blessed to go out across the field for children's church. They will return to the shelter before Holy Communion.

FIRST READING Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

[³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
or given understanding to the mind?

³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

³⁸when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens,
or lie in wait in their covert?
⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey,
when its young ones cry to God,
and wander about for lack of food?"]

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35b *read responsively*

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul; O LORD my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

²**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak
and stretch out the heavens like a tent.**

³You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above;
you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the
wind.

⁴**You make the winds your messengers
and flames of fire your servants.**

⁵You set the earth upon its foundations,
so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

⁶**You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

⁷At your rebuke the waters fled,
scattered by your voice of thunder.

⁸**They went up into the mountains and descended down to the
valleys,
to the place where you assigned them.**

⁹You set the limits that they should not pass;
never shall they return to cover the earth again.

²⁴**How manifold are your works, O LORD!**

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures.**

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING 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.

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 10:35-45

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead;
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join
in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and
for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send
your Holy Spirit upon Pr. Kimberly, Pr. Ryan, and all who are discerning
calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear
us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with
a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence,
persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and
create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, covid, or any illness, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining One, look with love on those who are juggling multiple demands through this pandemic—on those who are working, parenting, caring for older or ill relatives, and trying to keep up with changing expectations or new concerns. Give them moments of deep rest. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Uniting One, we bless you for the gifts of new life and community that you give us today: for Pastor Ryan and his ministry and for those whom you have drawn to receive communion during this pandemic: Amelia, Schaney, Julie, Tucker, and Khloe. Help them and us share with the world the new life and hope you have given us in baptism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and helped us know Jesus, and who now live in you. Through their lives, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Salvation unto Us hath Come” - J.S. Bach

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.

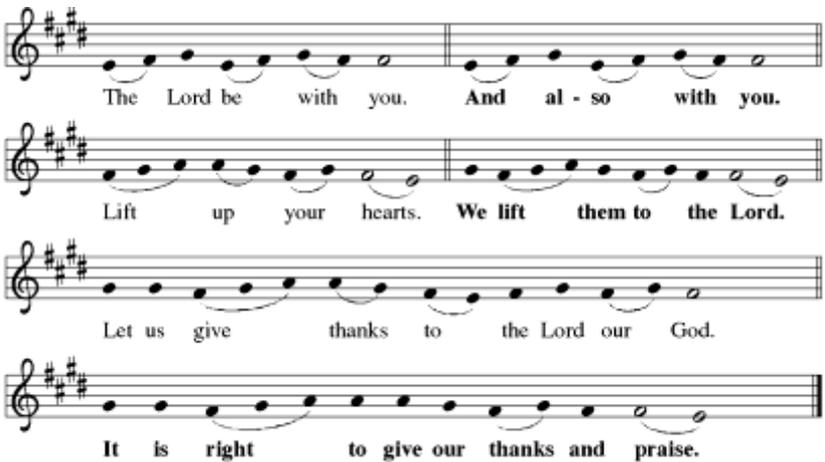
WELCOME OF NEW AND FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Today this community of faith rejoices with the following people who join in sharing the meal of holy communion: Amelia O'Rourke, Schaney Kameron, Julia McVay, Tucker Sequite, and Khloe Keefer.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to holy communion.

**Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you.
We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal,
until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

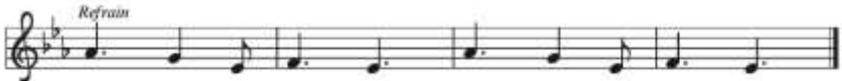
God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *O Christ, Surround Me*



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



Refrain
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Abide with Us, Our Savior” - Laura Wasson

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Ryan Fitch	Preacher
The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Holly Schubert	Reader
The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Children’s Church
Signe Mitchell	Keyboardist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Marlin Boltz	AV Assisting Minister
Holly Schubert	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Susan Farrell and Sue Morrow	Counters

Please join us for coffee and donuts following worship!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Monday, 10/18	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wednesday, 10/20	7:00 PM	Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday, 10/21	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Friday, 10/22		Pr. Kimberly’s day off
Saturday, 10/23	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with all those children who have received their first communion during the pandemic or who are receiving it today: Amelia O’Rourke, Schaney Kamerer, Julia McVay, Tucker Sequite, and Khloe Keefer. Welcome to the Lord’s table!

Reminder: Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:30 am downstairs in the library on Thursday, October 21st.

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 continues today for all children age 3 - confirmation age 3. We will gather here at the Dogwood Shelter following worship.

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

Eric Levine; Lisa; Jan Nieto; Kathy Kline's niece Rose; Bill and Judy Vilcheck and family; Kara and family; family of Larry Kline; 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 42:1-6, 10-17

Job's restoration

Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]

Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ the merciful high priest

Mark 10:46-52

Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus