

Service of Holy Communion
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” - Harold Rutz
 “Meditation” - George Brandon
 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” - Anonymous

WELCOME

GATHERING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who looks upon us in
compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The congregation may kneel or sit.

Have mercy, O God, **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

**Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us
away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God’s compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you.

As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

The congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

GATHERING HYMN “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” Red Book #520

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.

GLORY TO GOD *stanzas 1 and 3*

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Joel 2:23-32

The prophet interprets a plague of locusts as a sign of God's judgment. Today's reading points beyond the judgment to a day when prosperity will return, when God's spirit will be poured out on the people, and when everyone who calls on God's name will be saved.

²³O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³²Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65 *read responsively*

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!**

They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;**

you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys
cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

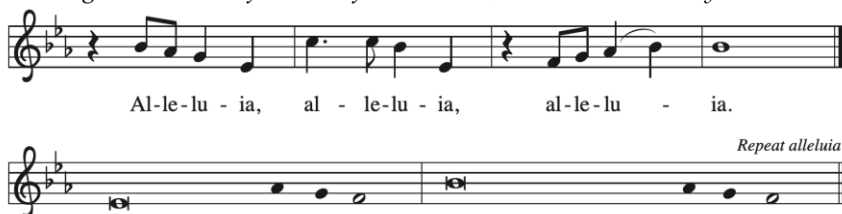
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All sing the alleluia before and after the verse, which is chanted by the cantor.



All who exalt themselves ¹ will be humbled,* but all who humble themselves will ¹ be exalted. (Luke 18:14)

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Salvation unto Us Has Come” Red Book #590

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Help us in times of trial and suffering to remember your promises and hold on to hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you prepare the earth for all living things. Lead us to protect the soil, the wilderness, and the sea, that we, together with plants and all animals, may flourish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue those whose lives are threatened with violence. Assist those who seek refuge in foreign lands, that they may find compassion on their journeys. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of hope, before you we can name even the ugly thoughts and fears that haunt our minds and hearts. Meet with grace all those who suffer from fear or anger, anxiety or shame, that hope may abound. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, you bind up the broken-hearted and give rest to the weary. Give comfort and care to those who are sick, injured, or in distress. Look with love on those whom we name in concern before you:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Within the Father’s House”

- Richard Hillert

OFFERING PRAYER *led by the assisting minister*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

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

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant creator.... United by your Spirit and with all your people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

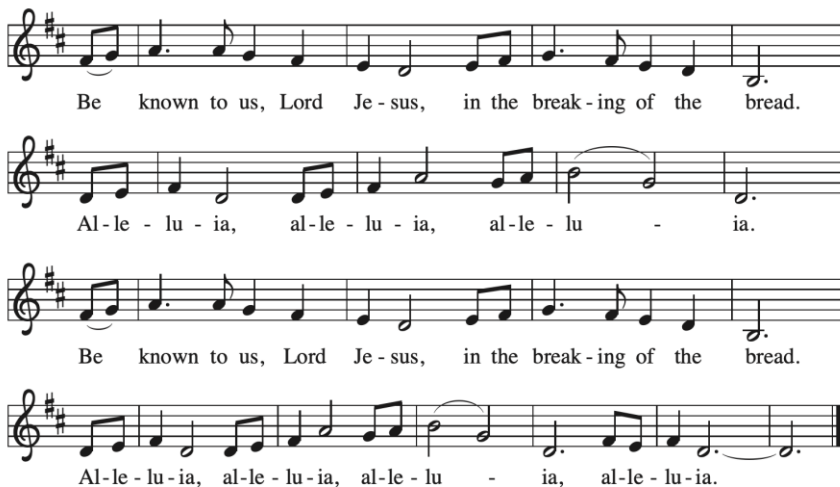
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 COMMUNION

FRACTION ANTHEM



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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. 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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

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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

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, be withs you now and forever. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the congregation is invited to turn and face the cross in the procession.

SENDING HYMN

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" Red Book #597

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Alone in Thee Stands My Hope”

- Johann Pachelbel

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Linda Mathias	Assisting Minister
Jeanne Graff	Reader
Evan Stein	Crucifer
Emily Stein	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Senior Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Stan Graff, Andrew & Amelia O'Rourke	Ushers
Jack and Amy Beiler	Counters

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Hoehn children (Phil, Julie, John, Paul, Cara), in memory of Gerald E. Hoehn and in honor of Nancy J. Hoehn on her birthday.

*All are welcome to gather in the social hall for coffee hour following worship.
Thank you to our host, Tracy Gullickson.*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 10/24	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 10/26	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Zoom book group (online)
Thurs., 10/27	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)

Fri., 10/28	12 – 2:30 PM	Church Office Hours
		Pastor Kimberly's day off
Sat., 10/29	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun. 10/30	9:00 AM	Bible Study (Pastor's office)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First English will send \$2,000 to Lutheran Disaster Response to provide Hurricane Ian relief. The Council would like to challenge the congregation to match this gift by the end of October. Donations can be made online at elca.org or through FELC by indicating "Hurricane Relief" on the specials line of your offering envelope.

Do you have joys and concerns you would like to lift up in the prayers of intercession today? We'll invite people to name those concerns prior to worship during the welcome time. Zoom worshipers are invited to name their prayer requests in the chat.

Join us for Daily Discipleship Bible study at 9 a.m. If you wish to join by zoom, please join the worship link. We'll conclude by 9:40.



PRAYERS

Tony Sequite; Hazel Warheit; Kyle Badger; Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those affected by hurricane Ian; Brian Salisbury; Mark Vogel & family; continued healing for Graham Cannon; Stan Graff; family of Gretchen Farrell; Aryl Bashline; Patrick Frank; Holly Schubert; Ellen Dodge; Tad Sellers; Claudia; Pam Patterson; Tom Olson

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office or add their names to the sign-up sheet in the social hall.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The righteous live by their faith

Psalms 119:137-144

Grant me understanding, that I may live. (Ps. 119:144)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Faith and love amid persecution and adversity

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see Jesus

ZOOM MEETING INFO

To join online, click 'Join Our ZOOM Meeting' in the email.

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