

Service of Holy Communion
18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Album Leaf” - J.C. Schmügel
 “Prelude” - J.S. Bach
 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” - Dennis Janzer, *arr.*

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

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” Red Book #864

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. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Ten years before the destruction of Jerusalem, many leaders of Judah were taken to Babylon. Jeremiah sends a letter to those exiles encouraging them, as they live in that strange place, to raise families and even to pray for the welfare of Babylon. God will restore them in due time.

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-12 *read responsively*

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

²**Sing the glory of God's name;**
sing the glory of God's praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows down before you,**

sings to you, sings out your name.”

⁵Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.

**⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

**⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

¹¹You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

**¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful —
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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.



Give thanks in all ¹ circumstances;* for this is the will of God in Christ Je- ¹ sus for you. (1 Thess. 5:18)

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made

clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

The congregation may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Baptized and Set Free"

Red Book #453

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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Loving, and surprising God:

We pray for the grace to see you at work even in people and places that we do not expect, and the will to receive your gifts from wherever they come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for an end to bloodshed in Ukraine and everywhere where there is war, for release for soldiers conscripted against their will, and for all those who survive horror, that they may not lose their humanity even in inhumane circumstances. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have lost so much after Hurricane Ian, and for all those who organize relief and rest. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the city of Butler and for all who live and work here. Guide civic and business leaders, so that our common life may be just, peaceful, and prosperous. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those most on our minds today:

Grant all you see that they need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for grace to commend our beloved dead to your mercy, and for the hope to look to your Son's resurrection. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE MEAL

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEMS

“Something for Thee”
(2 Timothy 2: 15)

-Robert Lowry

“Keep in Mind”
(2 Timothy 2: 8-12)

-Lucien Deiss, b. 1921

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 with you now and forever.

Amen.

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

SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Red Book #543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Lord is with you!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Fughetta”

- Gottlieb Muffat

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Kimberly van Driel	Presiding Minister
Sharon Heist Miller	Assisting Minister
Amy Beiler	Reader
Sharon Heist Miller	Crucifer
Reese Sequite	Acolyte
Kevin Mathias	Organist
Harry Cunningham	Sr. Choir Director
Jim Cunningham	AV Assisting Minister
Joan Giese	PowerPoint Assisting Minister
Roxanne Glagola	Altar Guild
Bob and Karen Domanski	Ushers
Bob and Karen Domanski	Counters

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Grace Shields,
in memory of loved ones.*

*The flowers on the organ are given to the glory of God by Rose Cooper,
in memory of Gary Cooper and family loved ones.*

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST ENGLISH

Mon., 10/10	5:00 PM	Community Dinner
	8:00 PM	NA Meeting (Social Hall)
Wed., 10/12	7:00 PM	AA Meeting (Social Hall)
	7:00 PM	Zoom book group (online)
Thurs., 10/13	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Fri., 10/14		Pastor Kimberly's day off

Sat., 10/15	12:00 PM	NA Meeting (Downstairs)
Sun. 10/16	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

Joyce Mitchel (Matt Cooper's grandma); those in the path of 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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The LORD promises a new covenant

Psalm 119:97-104

Your words are sweet to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. (Ps. 119:103)

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

In the presence of Christ the judge, proclaim the message

Luke 18:1-8

The widow begs for justice; God grants justice to those who cry to him

ZOOM MEETING INFO

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

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Password: 408299

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