

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2022

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 2



Introduction to the Day:

"God loves us all, both big and small," a child's verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus "salvation has come to this house" - to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prayer Requests

Congregation participation in bold print.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING - The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the + holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

ELW Hymn 807

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.**

KYRIE ELW pg. 120

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

ELW pg. 121

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹²When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;
¹³bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
¹⁷learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

¹⁸Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

PSALM 32:1-7

- Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- ²Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
 - when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Chris Peterson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Go To The World"

All Creation Sings Hymn 991

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the 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

After each petition, the Worship Assistant will say, "Hear us, O God", the congregation will respond, "Your mercy is great."

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please take a few moments to greet those around you as you feel comfortable, keeping in mind that not everyone is comfortable shaking hands or hugging.

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "Come To The Table" ELW Hymn 481

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together,

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE ELW pg. 129

Preface "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 130

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 today 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

We believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. All those who are baptized and have received formal teaching about The Lord's Supper are invited forward to commune. If you desire a blessing, come forward and keep hands folded together. Come forward at the direction of the usher. Pick up a clean cup from the right side of the altar. The empty cups can be placed in the tray on the left side of the altar.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

"I Come With Joy"

ELW Hymn 482

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW Hymn 631

Please stand as you are able.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

"Now Lord You Let Your Servant Go"

ELW pg. 135

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Tuesday: Christian Growth Meeting, 12:00 noon.

Wednesday: Dinner and a Movie ("The Chosen"), 5:00. Let the office know if you would like a ride.

Next Sunday: All Saints Sunday, Consecration Sunday, plus Faith, Fitness & Fellowship.

Counters for October: Heidi Taylor & Jay Carroll

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG "A Mighty Fortress" ELW Hymn 504

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on September 28 with near Category 5-strength winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. It then made another landfall in South Carolina, bringing hurricane-force winds and life-threatening storm surge. Ian, as predicted, is one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades.

Along with our partners in the region, we are prepared to respond to Hurricane Ian with immediate relief, including water, clothing, gift cards, tarps and more. Your dollars are also hard at work in communities around the world through Lutheran Disaster Response, including responses to Hurricane Fiona, the drought in the Horn of Africa, the severe storm in Alaska, the war in Ukraine—to name a few.

Long after the headlines change, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany communities on the journey of rebuilding their homes and lives. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support.

If you make a donation for Hurricane Relief, please note that on your envelope. You can also donate directly by sending a check to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, PO Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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