St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Saturday, October 5th at 5:00pm
Sunday, October 6th at 9:00am
20th Sunday After Pentecost
Welcome to St. Mary's! All are Welcome!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jubilate! Handbell Choir*

VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS SUITE I. ABINGDON (A GRATEFUL HEART)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand in body or spirit*

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ╬ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

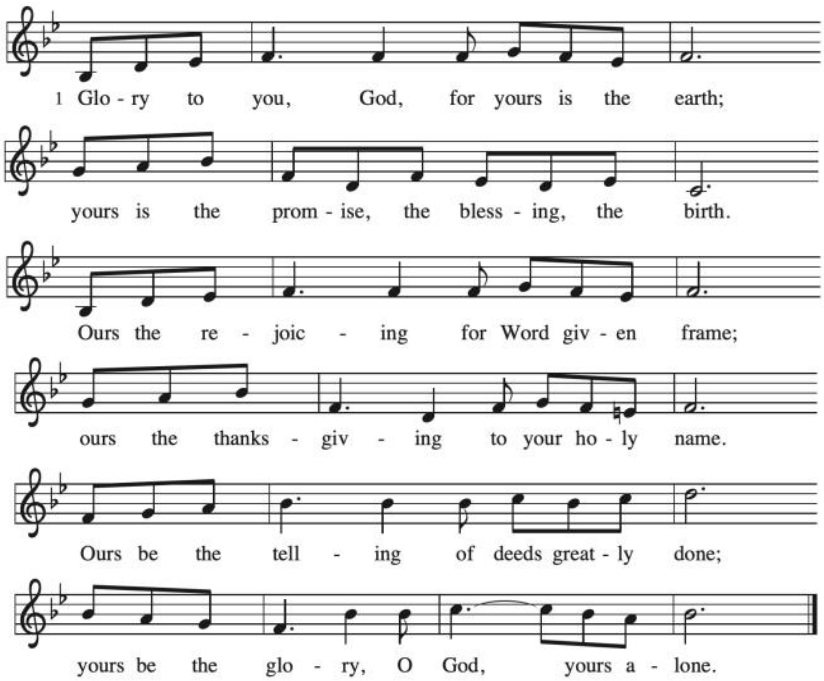
GATHERING SONG……..…… Hymn #461 *"All Who Hunger; Gather Gladly"*

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray. **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his
partner." **19** So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and
brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature,
that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field,
but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. **21** So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon
the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. **22** And the rib that
the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. **23** Then the man said,
"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one
was taken. **24** Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

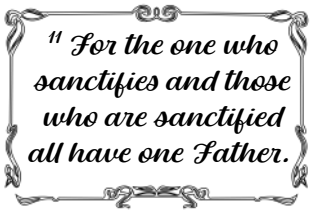
1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has
spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is
the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful
word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having
become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5 Now God did not
subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere,

> "What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? You have made them
> for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all
> things under their feet."

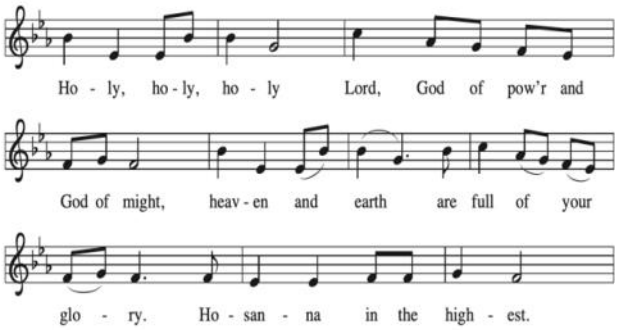
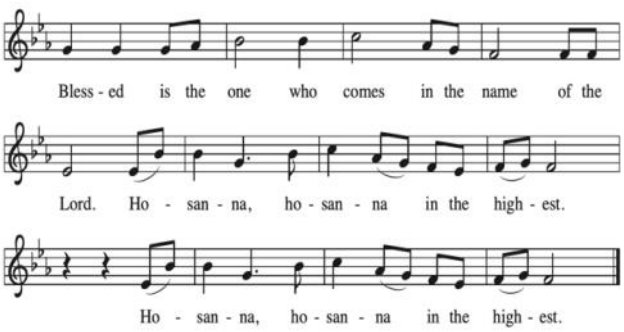
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything
in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now
crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste
death for everyone. 10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many
children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For the one who
sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them
brothers and sisters, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the
congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



ACCLAMATION AND AMEN
SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Glory to you, God from before the beginning, God bearing from above your Word of grace,
God sending on us the Dove of peace,
Glory to you, O God!

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You are the great I AM, feeding your people with manna in the wilderness. You are the Father of our beloved Jesus, whom you gave to the world to be the Lamb, the King of Israel, the Son of Man.
Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O God!

You anointed Jesus to be our messiah and teacher. He is the bread from heaven, the fruitful vine, the good shepherd, the gate of protection, our very Lord and God, our way, our truth, and our resurrection to life eternal.
Glory to you, O God!

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In the night that Jesus washed his disciples' feet, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me

With Lazarus we wait in our tomb, we hear you call our name, and we come out from our death into your life.
With Mary Magdalene we cry out.
We have seen the Lord!

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Breathe your Spirit of power on us. Nourish us with your living water, and sustain us with the body and blood of your Son. Claim us as your friends. Birth us anew and enlighten our eyes. Unbind us, that as your servants we may unbind one another.
Glory to you, O God!

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Glory to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Source of all, the Light of the world, the Advocate for your children.
Blessing, thanksgiving, honor and might be to you forever and ever. Amen.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

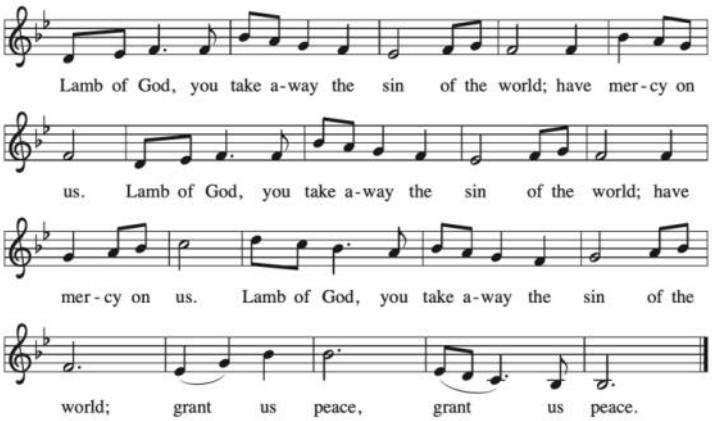
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

MUSICAL OFFERING *Jubilate! Handbell Choir*
"Beside Still Waters" BY HOWARD F. STARKS

DISTRIBUTION HYMN ……..…….. Hymn #656 *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Please stand in body or spirit

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER AT THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go from this place to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ╬ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG……..…. Hymn #820 *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

DISMISSAL We are God's People. **Followers of Jesus Christ.**
Gifted by the Spirit. **Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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HOSPITALITY: Sunday is Self-Serve—Thank You, Ralph!

Next Weekend: Pastor Debbie Hartfield will preach/preside
*Holy Scripture Readings for *October 12 & 13, 2024 (RCL Lectionary 26; Pent. 21)*
First Reading: *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15* ***Psalm:*** *Psalm 90:12-17* ***Second Reading:*** *Hebrews 4:12-16*
Gospel: *Mark 10:17-31* **subject to change*