

Sunday, October 13, 2024 21st Sunday after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus

looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshiping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion: Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.

Music: We've moved the music to the back of the bulletin so that every song appears on its own page. We look forward to your feedback.

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+GATHERING+

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

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

Pause for silent reflection.

P 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. **C** Amen.

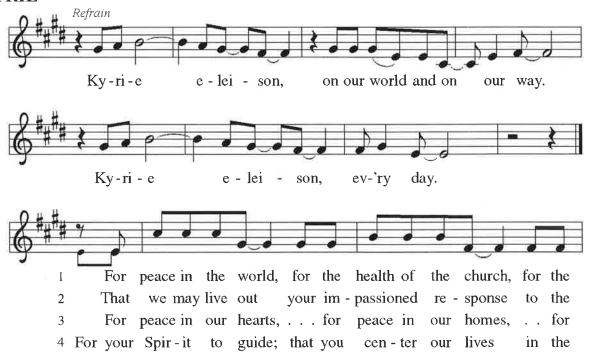
P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. C Amen.

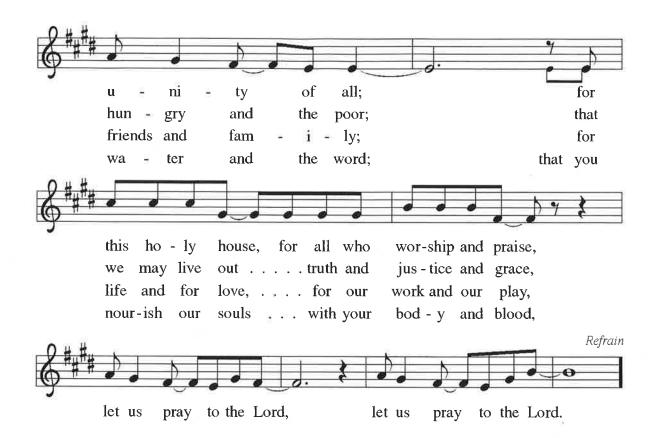
GATHERING SONG: Glory and Praise to our God. See page 11.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

KYRIE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be

with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17



So teach us to num- ber our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. R

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you af-| flicted us and as many years as we suf-| fered adversity.

Show your ser- vants your works, and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God $^{\mid}$ be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- $^{\mid}$ per our handiwork. R

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

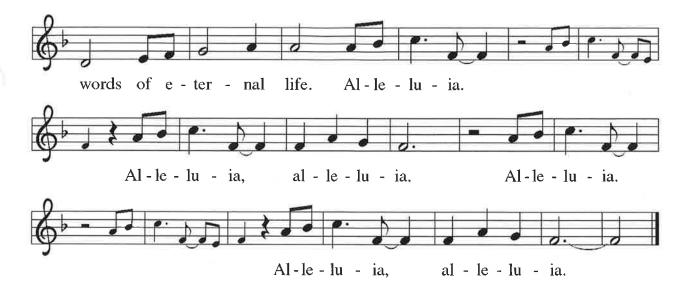
A reading from Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P The holy gospel according to Mark. C Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)See page 12.

APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole church we confess our faith. C 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

A The response to the Prayers of Intercession is: God of grace, hear our prayer.

A Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Pr. Joann Heaney-Hunter 10/19

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you (2x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

+MEAL+

OFFERING: Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583) see page 13

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. 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. **C** Amen.

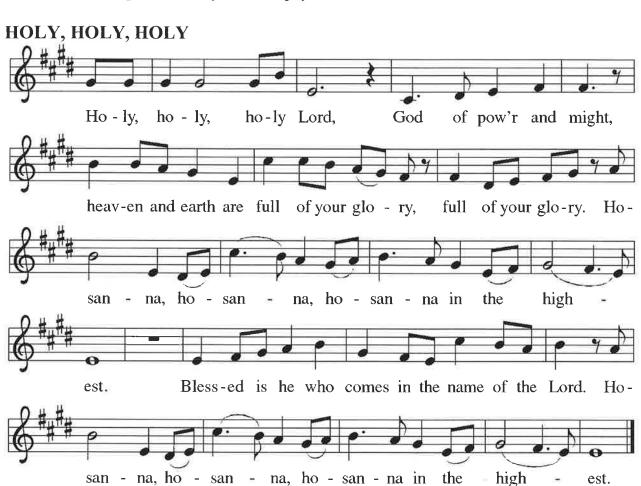
GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
- ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- ...to share with us the great and promised feast. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- ...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

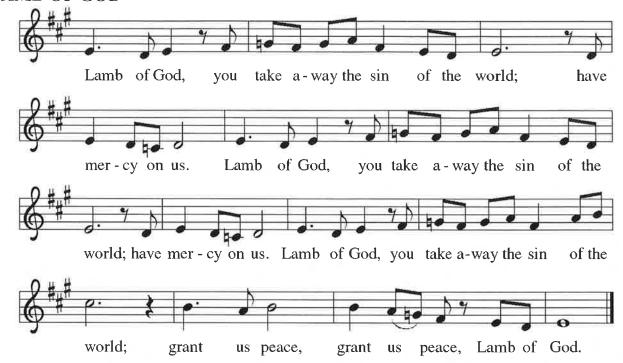
LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father, who art in heaven...

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



SONGS DURING COMMUNION: We Remember see page 14 and As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522) see page 15

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION AND BLESSING

P Before we leave today, we ask for God's blessing on our Council, especially on our new members.

P The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership on our Congregation Council: Laureen Aiello and Joan Hagner. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism they were welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in God's mission; we rejoice now that our sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and mission.

A A reading from First Corinthians:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

P You have been called and elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this community of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us together with the whole church.

You are to reach out to all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that Christ's mission is carried out to this community and the whole world.

You are to be faithful to God's Spirit that burns in your hearts.

You are to be examples of God's love, fostering peace, unity, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been called?

If so, respond: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Council members respond, then the assembly is invited to stand.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these Council members in their service? Will you answer their requests when they are looking for volunteers, will you give generously of your own time, and will you support them through prayer, as we share in the mutual ministry Christ has given us? **C We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

P I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. May God bless you and direct your days, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. C Amen!

SENDING

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. C Amen.

SENDING SONG: We Are Called (ELW 720) see page 16

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor. C Thanks be to God.

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

If you have a mind to enter into life, keep the commandments. If you have a mind to know the truth, believe in me. If you have a mind to be perfect, sell all you have. If you have a mind to become my follower, renounce yourself. If you have a mind to be exalted in heaven, make yourself humble on earth. I ask nothing more of you except that you should want to surrender yourself entirely to me. I do not care what you give me besides yourself, because I do not want your gifts, but you. Give yourself to me. I gave my whole body and my blood to feed you, so that I should be entirely yours, and you should be kept mine. —*Thomas á Kempis*

Upcoming Commemorations

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582~Tuesday, October 15, 2024

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115 ~ Thursday, October 17, 2024

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Luke, Evangelist ~ Friday, October 18, 2024

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)



- 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;

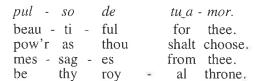


we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



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.

OFFERING: Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583) Refrain/Estribillo To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo = lun - tad, y_haz - la tu - ya, na life, Take my that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, sí, ra - zón damás; toта, mi coto thee; take my mo ments and my days; To stanzas | Last time tro - no_en él ten - drás. ten - drás. tulet them flow in cease-less praise. less praise. Que mi vi da_en = te té raes Take my and hands let them move Take my 2 sil ver and my gold, Take my voice and let sing 3 me Take my will and make it thine; con - sa - gra da_a ti, Se ñor; at the im pulse of thy love; hold; not a mite would I with al - ways, on ly for my King; shall be no lon ger mine; que a mis та nos da guiar elimрие take feet them swift and my and let be in ev - 'ry take my tel lect and use lips them filled with take my and let be take my heart, it thine it shall is own; Refrain/Estribillo



SONG DURING COMMUNION: We Remember ~ Marty Haugen



SONG DURING COMMUNION: As We Gather at your Table (ELW 522)



- As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the lis - ten to your word,
- wit-ness in the sac ra of life; ment 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save. we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

SENDING SONG: We Are Called (ELW 720)



Announcements for the week of *October 13, 2024*

Sanctuary Candle for October is given to the glory of God and in honor of
Sophie Pendas by Maureen O'Brien
Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and
in memory of my mother's one year anniversary of passing by Beth Feeney



Kevin Barcavage 10/1 Joseph Shurman 10/1 Rich Humann 10/6 Dottie McPartlin 10/17 Pr. Joann Heaney-Hunter 10/19

Beth & John Feeney 10/14 Lauren & Bill Artus 10/28



- ~The New Life Center food pantry, administered by Lutheran Social Services, is in short supply of large diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and small packages of wipes (60-70 count). Please keep this in mind if you are able to help. Many thanks!
- ~WELCA conference Bible study will be at St. David's on Wednesday, October 16th at 10a.m. Please enter the door with the ramp at the corner of the parking lot. They will continue with the second session of our look at the book of Ephesians and its message of God's gift of grace. All ladies are invited to join us. Questions? Call Joyce Anderson at 516-496-8871.
- ~Bible Study Please join us for six weeks of study on the Gospel of Luke, which is the primary gospel for the new church year that begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024.

We begin the study on Monday, October 21, and end on Monday, November 25. All sessions take place at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

The Gospel of Luke is a beautiful account of the life and ministry of Jesus. It includes an infancy narrative, important parables, and elements of teaching that are only found in this Gospel.

Luke's gospel is the first of a two-volume work, with the Acts of the Apostles as the second volume. Luke is written for a Greek-speaking audience, and tries to be sensitive to the needs of a non-Jewish Christian community.

Hope to see you on Zoom!

~Please keep the following dates in mind: Sunday, December 1st and Sunday, December 1sth

15th.



 \sim A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial/in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored/memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at (516) 931-0710.

PARISH CALENDAR THIS WEEK (October 14th - October 20th)

Today

21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Holy Communion

Monday

Columbus Day ~ Office Closed

7:00pm

Scout Troop 291

Tuesday

7:00 pm

Back to Basics (AA)

Thursday

7:30pm

Property Committee Meeting

Next Sunday, 22ndSunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

Holy Communion

SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY

Sunday, 9:30 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER:

Beth Feeney

LECTOR:

Mark Hammaren

ACOLYTE:

Gavin Barone

USHERS:

Kevin Barcavage & Rich

ACCOMPANIST

Mason Griffin & Gregory Hunter

GREETER:

Ilse Zeeck

AUDIO/VISUAL:

Tyler LaVorgna

ALTAR GUILD:

Bill & Lauren Artus

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. <u>Please remember to keep the office updated.</u>

PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Bill Artus Dottie Eberhardt Roger Engert

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILIES

Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn)
William Stanton (cousin of Kellie Barone)

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Stephen Connolly (friend of Kevin & Barbara Barcavage)
Cheryl Glasini (friend of the Ahlers-Pendas family)
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)
Jim Lowe (friend of the Staton family)
Sarah Motyka (friend of the Maurer family)
Megan Mudd (friend of the Staton family)
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)
John Sheridan (friend of Bob and Nan Maurer)

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