



Sunday, October 20, 2024  
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

*Today's gospel starts with disciples arguing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to power-seeking. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

**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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

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

*Pause for silent reflection.*

P Gracious God, **C have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. 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.**

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: *Gather Us In* (ELW 532) see page 10**

### 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

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
 hun - gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam - i - ly; for  
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

**+WORD+**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

A reading from Isaiah.

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16**



You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the



Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

Because you have made the <sup>|</sup>LORD your refuge, and the Most High your <sup>|</sup>habitation, **no evil <sup>|</sup>will befall you, nor shall affliction come <sup>|</sup>near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge <sup>|</sup>over you, to guard you in <sup>|</sup>all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will <sup>|</sup>bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- <sup>|</sup>gainst a stone. R**

You will tread upon the lion <sup>|</sup>cub and viper; you will trample down the lion <sup>|</sup>and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who <sup>|</sup>cling to me; I will uphold them, because they <sup>|</sup>know my name.**

They will call me, and I will <sup>|</sup>answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and <sup>|</sup>honor them.

**With long life will I <sup>|</sup>satisfy them, and show them <sup>|</sup>my salvation. R**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." The gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Making Their Way* (ACS 979) see page 11**

## **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 today's petitions is: **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.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYERS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

**+MEAL+**

**OFFERING SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ~ see page 12**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C **Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE**

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

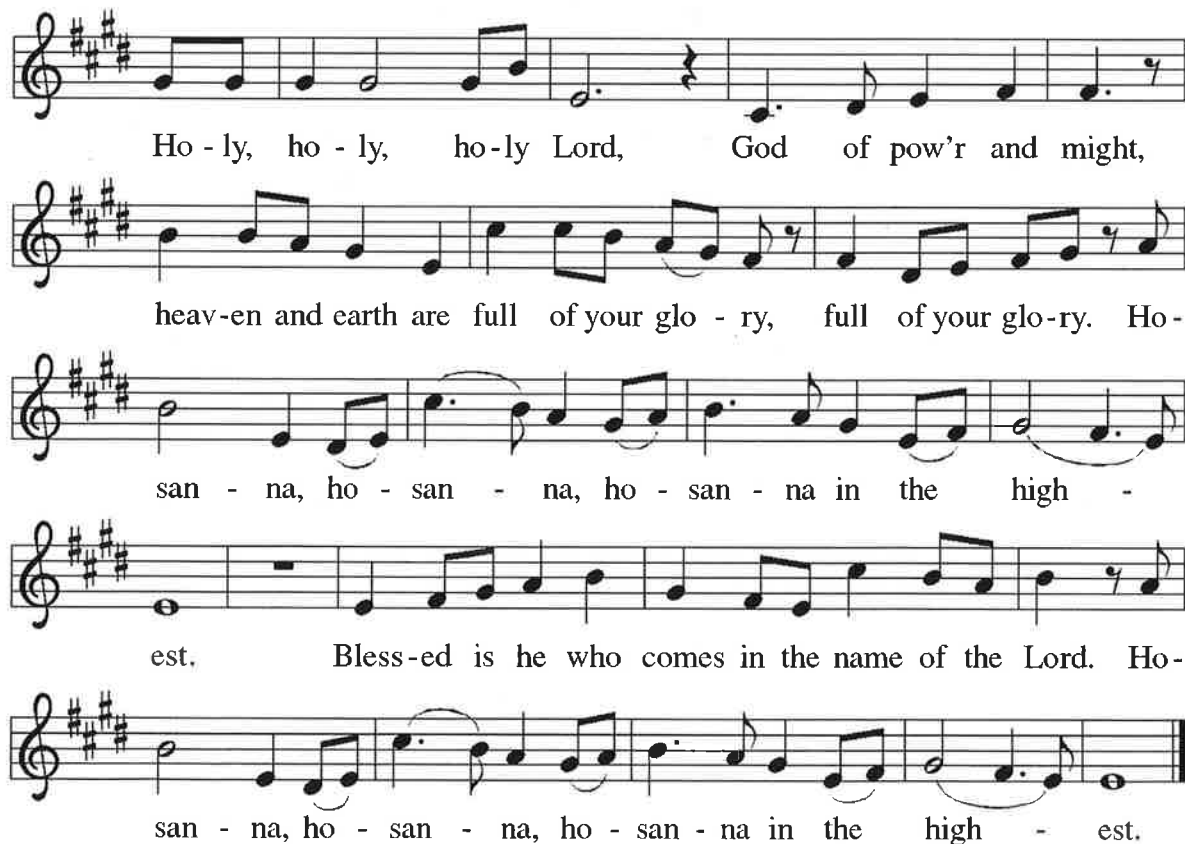
P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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...

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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

## 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. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

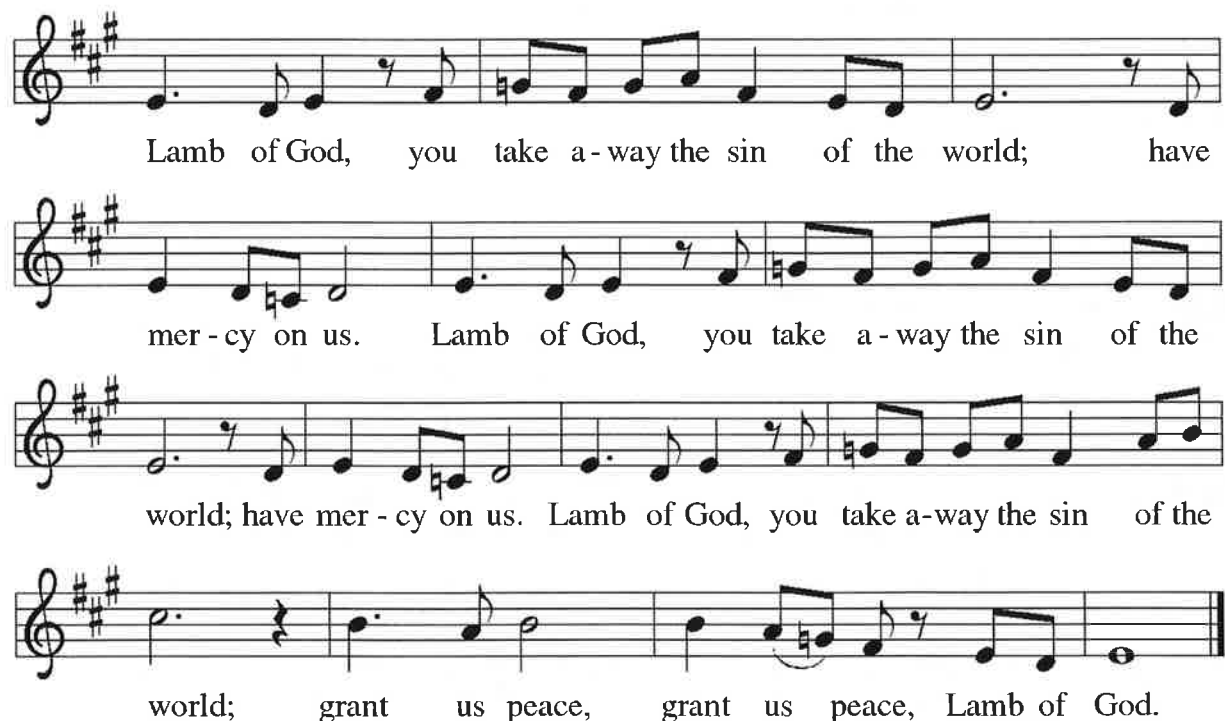
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**SONGS DURING COMMUNION: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708) ~ see page 13 & *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (ELW659) ~ see page 14**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

## SENDING

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



## **BLESSING**

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ELW 551) ~ see page 15**

## **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the good news. **C Thanks be to God.**

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### **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses**

The seemingly impossible role of service is possible for us all because it is not just a command. It is a gift of God. Service is God's gift because it is God who serves us. Other gods have been revealed so that women and men could serve them. This God, the God of the Suffering Servant, the God of Jesus Christ, begins from the other end. God is, first of all, not a king sitting on a pyramid of the world creating pyramids of domination in church and society. Rather, the humanity of God is seen in that God chooses to be related to human beings through service. Jesus helps us to see the humanity of God so that we too can become representatives of new humanity. This is the image of God: freedom to serve others.—*Letty Russell*

### **Upcoming Commemorations**

**James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62~ Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

## GATHERING SONG: *Gather Us In* (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Making Their Way* (ACS 979)



1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

## OFFERING SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

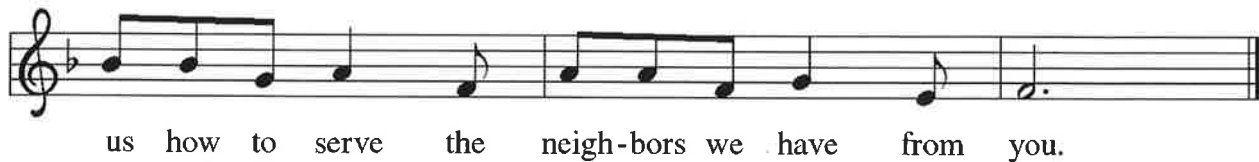


SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

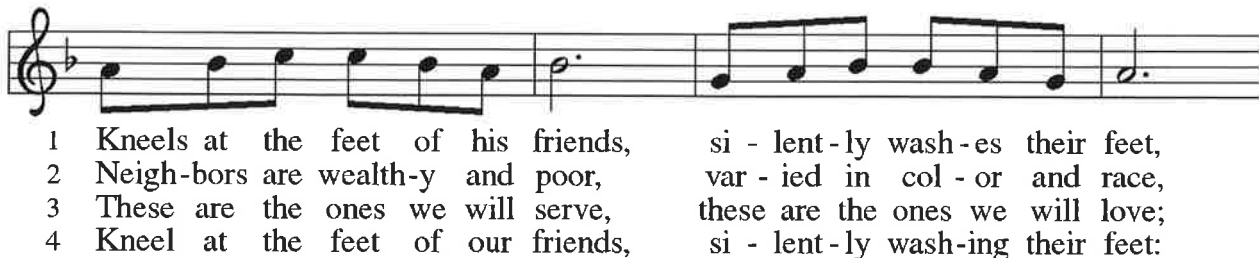
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

**SONG DURING COMMUNION: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (ELW 659)**



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

SENDING SONG: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ELW 551)



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

**Announcements for the week of  
October 20, 2024**

*Sanctuary Candle for October is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Sophie O' Brien by Maureen O' Brien*

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~**Zoom Bible Study** ~ Please join us on Zoom as we study Luke on Monday evenings at 7 pm. We will start on October 21<sup>st</sup> and end on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

~ **Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets** ~ Please refer to the flyer in the narthex for details. Donations are due by Sunday, November 17th.

~**Save the Date** ~Please keep the following dates in mind: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



~ 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 21<sup>st</sup> - October 27<sup>th</sup>)**

<b>Today</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	9:30 am Holy Communion
Tuesday	7:00 pm <i>Back to Basics (AA)</i>
Thursday	6:30 pm Executive Council
	7:00 pm Church Council
<b>Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>
	9:30 am Holy Communion



## **SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY**

Sunday, 9:30 AM

ASSISTING MINISTER: Barbara Engert  
LECTOR: Tyler LaVorgna  
ACOLYTE: Kiko Reyes  
USHERS: Rick Mosebach & John Musi  
ACCOMPANIST: Mason Griffin & Gregory Hunter  
GREETER: Lynn Browning  
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. Please remember to keep the office updated.*

### **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)

