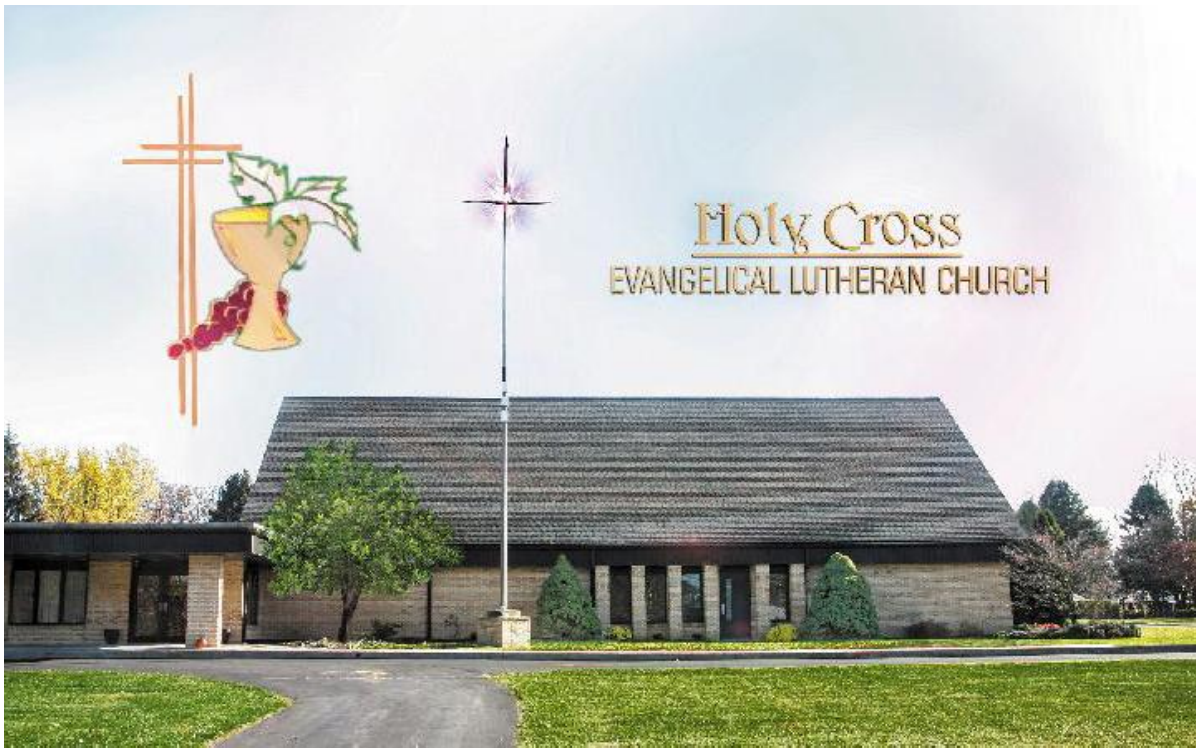


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION OCTOBER 1, 2023 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

1 fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown Him
 2 fall; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him
 3 ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And crown Him
 4 fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And crown Him

1 Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And
 2 Lord of all; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And
 3 Lord of all; To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, And
 4 Lord of all; We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, And

1 crown Him Lord of all!
 2 crown Him Lord of all!
 3 crown Him Lord of all!
 4 crown Him Lord of all! A - men.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors entering God's kingdom ahead of others who are regarded as upstanding members. Those who faithfully carry out God's will are the true children of the kingdom. As we gather today around the table of the word, we become more than a collection of individuals. We have been united to each other in the waters of baptism and welcomed by Christ to His holy supper. While some may be strangers to us, we are invited to recognize the deep communion we share in Christ Jesus. The liturgy does not protect us from others; it teaches us to extend hospitality and love.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" (Maj # 4—favorite)

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Who is Sower, Seed and Fruit. **C: AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel.)

P: God of heaven and earth, **C: We name before You the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C: Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. AMEN.

P: Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. **C: AMEN.**

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God from which nothing can separate us, and the life-giving Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory to God” (WOV p 29)

Refrain



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Refrain*



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*



I
II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**
 L: Let us pray together: **C: God of love, giver of life, You know our frailties and failings. Give us Your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 25:1-9 *(congregation reads indented)*

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
in You I trust, O my God.
 Do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
 No one whose hope is in You will ever be put to shame,
**but they will be put to shame
 who are treacherous without excuse.**
 Show me Your ways, O LORD,
teach me Your paths;
 guide me in Your truth and teach me,
**for You are God my Savior,
 and my hope is in You all day long.**
 Remember, O LORD, Your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
 Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
 according to Your love remember me,
for You are good, O LORD.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

"O For a Heart To Praise My God" (CH # 650)

1. O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free,
2. A heart in every thought renewed And full of love divine;
3. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; Come quickly from above.

A heart that always feels Thy blood So freely shed for me.
Perfect and right and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of Thine!
Write Thy new name up - on my heart, Thy new, best name of Love.

TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arranged by Lowell Mason

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGEzekiel 18:1-4, 25-32..... p. 1309

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READINGPhilippians 2:1-18.....Pg. 1827

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

(Jesus Name Above All Names (Maj # 183 - favorite - Naida Hearn)

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord,
Em - man - u - el, God is with us,
bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 21:18-32.....Pg. 1532

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Ending Well”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (LBW # 230)

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your ho - ly Church, that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
Son And bring to nought all he has done.
we May sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543*

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (*"Alleluia"*)

Michael W. Smith

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly
are You, Lord God Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.
You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.
Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son, Who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, Who preached good news to the poor, and Who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in 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.

Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

THE AGNUS DEI (SBH p37)

Swedish Mässbok, 1942
Adapted, REGINA H. FRYXELL

Unison


O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin
of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God,
that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer -
cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est
a - way the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN *(sung while others are receiving.)*



"Blessed Be the Name" (Maj # 16 - favorite)

W. H. CLARK
REFRAIN, RALPH E. HUDSON


RALPH E. HUDSON
ARR. BY WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK




1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,
2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,
3. Re - deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend of man Once ru - ined by the fall,
4. His name shall be the Coun - sel - or, The might - y Prince of Peace,





Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man re - deem!
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel - hosts a - dore.
Thou hast de - vised sal - va - tion's plan, For Thou hast died for all.
Of all earth's king - doms Con - quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.




CHORUS



Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Bless - ed be the name of the Lord;



Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Bless - ed be the name of the Lord.



CANTICLE *(Please rise.)*

"All in the Name of Jesus" (Maj # 181)

1 Truth and beau-ty and hap - pi - ness— It's all in the name of
2 Care and com-fort and heal-ing and grace— It's all in the name of

1 Je - sus, Health and heav-en and peace and rest— It's
2 Je - sus, Wel-come and par-don, a hid - ing place— It's

1 all in the name of Je - sus; Joy and glad-ness, for-give - ness
2 all in the name of Je - sus; Warmth and sun-shine and friend-ship

1 too, Life ev - er - last-ing and free; All that I've
2 true, Ful - fill - ment and bless-ing un - told: Hope for to -

1 longed for and all I need— It's all in the name of Je - sus.
2 mor-row and help for to - day— It's all in the name of Je - sus.

(10:45 - Communion visitors comes forward during last verse.)

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45)

L: Let us pray together: **C: Generous God, we give You thanks that again this day You have opened wide Your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Be with those we now send to share this gift with our sick and homebound brothers and sisters. Sharing Your compassionate heart, may we be a blessing to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

BLESSING

P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" (Maj # 221 - favorite)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, 'Til

Fine

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Harmony

1 Come, brethren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, Our
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious Tree, As
4 Set up Thy throne, that earth's de - spair may cease Be -
5 For Thy blest cross which doth for all a - tone, Cre -

D.C.

1 King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
2 hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
3 Thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to Thee.
4 neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
5 a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore Thy throne.

OCTOBER 1, 2023
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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sarah Barlow / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

USHERS: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

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COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown

GRASS CUTTERS: Gary Mosser, Mike Miller, Nick Wechsler

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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