First Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION Time after Pentecost Sunday + October 13, 2024 + 10:00 am

Teaching on wealth and reward

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

"Processional in C"

Hal H. Hopson

OPENING HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW 655



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932 Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

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.** GLORY TO YOU, GOD



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

Blessing of Quilts

TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

READING Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

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. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek 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. ¹⁵Hate 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. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom *The reader introduces the psalm, the assembly responds with the bold print.*

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ¹³Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity. ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children. ¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

READING Approach the throne of grace with boldness Hebrews 4:12-16 We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

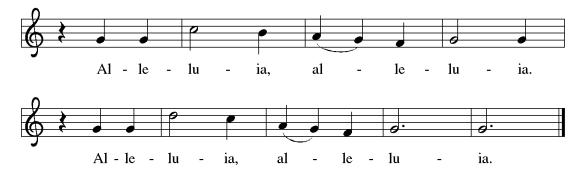
Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We stand and proclaim the gospel in song.



GOSPEL READING Teaching on wealth and reward Mark 10:17-31 Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The holy gospel according to Mark. **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?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You 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.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, 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." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It 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." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus 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, ³⁰who 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. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

silence for reflection





APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 again 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

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

God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Communion Song"

Barry McGuire



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dialogue and Preface



Words of Institution

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

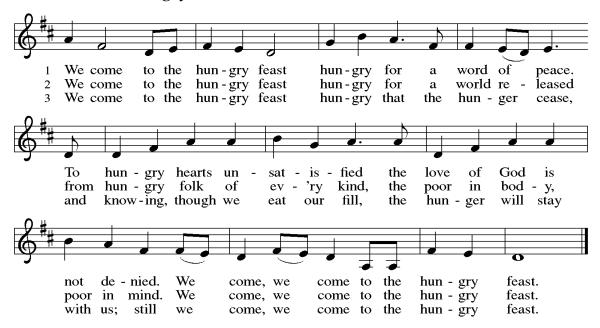
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

Come for all is ready, the gifts of God for the people of God.

Music during Communion "Lamb of God" ELW, page 201 of God, take a - way the Lamb you sin of the world; have mer-cy Lamb of God, on us. you 4 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. of Lamb God, you take a - way the sin of the world; us peace. grant peace, grant us

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"



ELW 479

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943 Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever Text and music © 1982 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

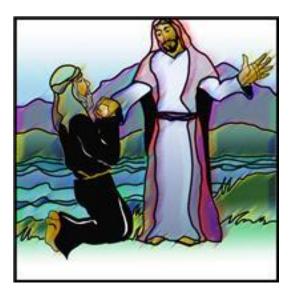
Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING

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



RECESSIONAL HYMN



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Praise Ye the Father"

Charles F. Gounod

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

WEECOME. WORSHIP. SERVICE.

Announcements

Welcome to worship at First Lutheran Church. We are a welcoming congregation who worships and serves the God we love.

Holy Communion will be served today standing by intinction. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. All are welcome at Jesus' meal.

First Lutheran Membership Directory

We are continuing to gather photos for a membership picture directory. We would like to finish this project in time for our Congregation Picnic on November 3, 2024. If you have yet to submit a photo of yourself or members of your family, please do so soon! If you do not have a suitable photo, please contact Lindsey and make arrangements for your photo to be taken at a convenient time.

CROP WALK, October 20

The high school youth of the congregation invite you to join them on this year's **CROP WALK** on Sunday, October 20. We will meet at Grace Methodist Church parking lot at 1 pm and walk to support hunger ministries in our community.

Living Waters Conference, October 20

Waldorf University Choir, 3 pm concert, followed by Living Waters Conference meeting at St Mark Lutheran Church.

Save the date: Sunday, November 3, 2024, First Lutheran Annual Picnic, Hillview Recreation Area, one mile west on county road C60. Car pooling immediately following worship.

Weekly Schedule, First Lutheran Meetings and Activities

Today, October 13
Following worship coffee in Fireside Room
Tuesday, October 15
6p Executive Committee Meeting, Fireside Room
6:30p Congregation Council Meeting, Fireside Room
Wednesday, October 16
9a-11:30a Food Pantry, Volunteers: Becki McGlauflin, Jeanne Hanna
6p Handbells, Choir Room
6:30p Confirmation, Fellowship Hall
7p Choir, Choir Room
7:30p Youth Peer Ministry, Fireside Room
Thursday, October 17
1p Adult Bible Study, Romans, Fireside Room
Sunday, October 20
10a Worship in the sanctuary, followed by fellowship in Fireside Room
1p Join Youth for the Crop Walk at Grace Methodist, Morningside Campus
3p Waldorf University Choir at St Mark, followed by Synod Conference Meeting