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Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.

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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “ *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ” *Robert J. Hughes*

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Stand*

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.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 712

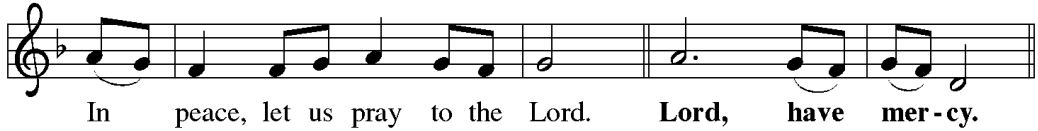
“ Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service ”

**** GREETING**

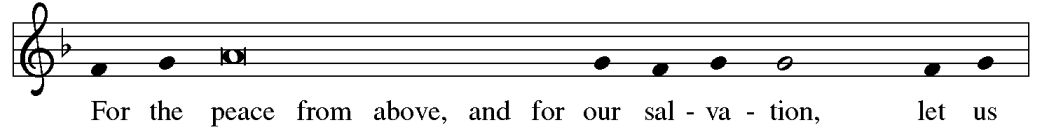
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

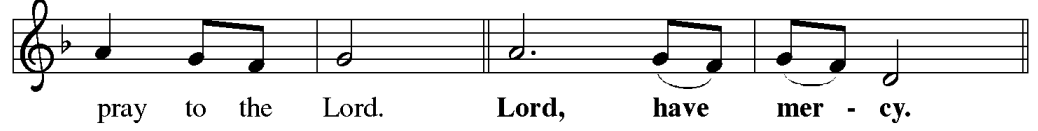
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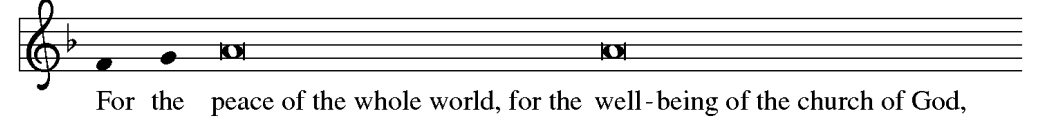
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



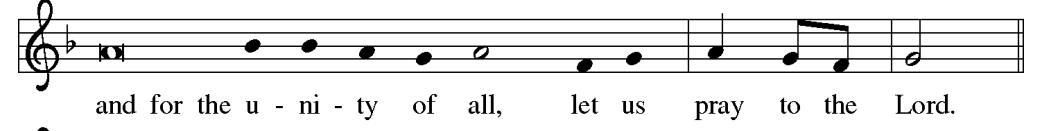
For the peace from above, and for our sal-va-tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



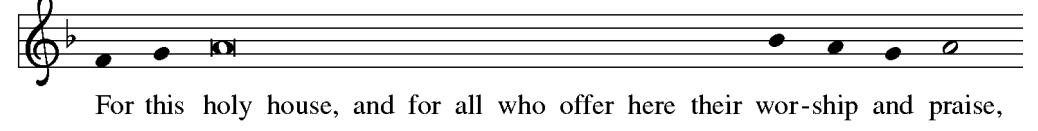
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



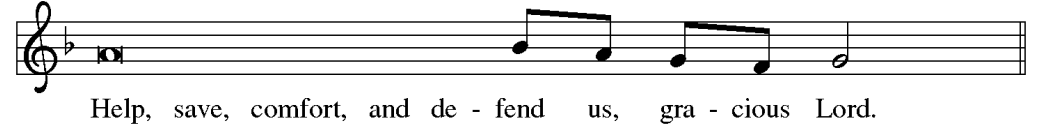
Lord, have mer-cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



A - men.

** CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 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.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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. ⁶All 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. ⁷He 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. ⁸By 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. ⁹They 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. ¹⁰Yet 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. ¹¹Out 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. ¹²Therefore 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.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,

and show them my salvation.

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**** GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James 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.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Omholt

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 729

“ The Church of Christ, in Every Age ”

**** APOSTLES CREED**

**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**

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

A brief silence.

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons (*local leaders may be named*) with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians (*local clergy or seminarians may be named*) to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“ Lord,I Stretch My Hands To You ”

**** OFFERTORY HYMN**

No. 188

“ Create in Me a Clean Heart ”

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

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.
Amen.

**** LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**** BLESSING**

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

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 818

“ O Master, Let Me Walk with You ”

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

“ Great God of Glory ” David Paxton



Prayer Requests

Illness: Shirley & Carl Spiker, Joshua Wilhelm, Cheri Himes, Janice, Charles Long, Roy Gilbert, Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Susie, Jim Bloom, Fred, Sara, Sandra, Darryl, Merrily Clark, Carl (Devin Swift's friend), Ann Lee Colaw, Dalton S., Hannah Sincell, Donna Hanlin, Joe Cook, Phillip, Terry Helbig, Cara Upole, David Lewis, Brittiny Bond, Mary, Bill, Christopher, Leloni Mills, John Burk

Special Needs: Mark Weeks, Amy Bacha, Riley, Eddie & Baby Ada, Jim, Chase, Gary Wotherspoon, Hurricane Victims

Upcoming Events

Today	Adult Forum at 8:30am
Sunday, October 27	Reformation Party
Sunday, November 3	Adult Forum at 8:30am
	All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 10	Food Waste Competition
Sunday, November 24	Fair Trade Pairing Event

Announcements

Reformation Sunday

We will celebrate the event that makes us Lutherans! On Sunday, October 27 after service, you are invited downstairs to fellowship with German inspired dishes and a couple fun games to recognize what Martin Luther accomplished in 1517. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Carrie or Ellda.

All Saints Sunday

We will commemorate our departed saints on Sunday, November 3 during the 10 am worship service. If you have a name of a loved one that has died since the last All Saints Sunday, then please submit their name to the church office. If you have any questions reach out to Pastor Carrie or Ellda.

Reducing Food Waste Lunch & Competition

On Sunday, November 10, following the worship service, all are invited to lunch in the social hall. We'll follow up on our earlier workshops about reducing the amount of food that we waste. Reducing the amount of food that we discard is an easy way we can help to limit greenhouse emissions causing climate change.

It's a potluck! Try using food that might otherwise go to waste. If you can't make something, don't worry; there will be plenty.

If you want, enter your dish in the Chopped Competition. Unlike the TV version, we won't be whipping up three courses in front of the judges in a ridiculously short time. Here are our more relaxed rules:

- 1) Make just one dish—anything from appetizer to dessert.
- 2) Use ingredients that satisfy at least two of these criteria:
 - a. something that is nearing its expiration date
 - b. something that has been languishing in the refrigerator or freezer
 - c. something that is leftover
 - d. something that you overbought

Make a label listing the ingredients from these categories. We'll have a people's choice award. Contact Marty (410.790.8649) or Mary (410.790.8648) Reisinger with any questions.

Fair Trade Pairing Event

On Sunday, November 24 after worship service, we will be meeting downstairs for a closer look at the Equal Exchange Coffee. We are offering a pairing event which gives each of us an opportunity to try different coffee, tea, and chocolate bars that Equal Exchange offers with the Fair Trade items that different small farmers provide. If you have any questions reach out to Liz Gilbert or Ellda.



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Mark 10:35-45

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, in your blessed reign, the first are last and the last first. Remind us as often as it takes that we ought to seek greatness not through our own efforts, but as an extension of your healing arms reaching out in service to our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"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." (Mark 10:43-45)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

James and John asked Jesus to appoint them to sit at his right and left when Jesus received his glory. Jesus admonished his disciples not to be lords but servants of all like the Son of Man, who gave his life a ransom for many.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Sometimes fair isn't the same for everyone. Think of a situation when people were treated differently, but it was fair. Were people ok with the circumstances? How was understanding achieved?**
- **When has suffering touched your life? How did it impact your faith?**
- **For the littles: What makes you special? Jesus knows how special you are!**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May our God of healing fill you with hope to continue on the journey of faith. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Help those who are living without sight. Find your local school for the blind and offer to volunteer or donate resources for the students learning there.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 75; Job 40:1-24; Hebrews 6:1-12
Tuesday, Psalm 75; Job 41:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-20
Wednesday, Psalm 75; Job 41:12-34; John 13:1-17
Thursday, Psalm 34:1-8; 2 Kings 20:12-19; Hebrews 7:1-10
Friday, Psalm 34:1-8; Nehemiah 1:1-11; Hebrews 7:11-22
Saturday, Psalm 34:1-8; Job 42:7-9; Mark 8:22-26

St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love.”

Church Calendar October 20, 2024 – October 27, 2024

- Today** - Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday** - **No Yoga** at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Bell Quartet at 5:30 p.m.
- Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nicklaus Bennett
Lector:	Millard Minor
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Music Directors:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recording:	Nicole Bosley
Safekeeper:	Phyllis Rinker
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Capt. Liz Lewis, Dave Hoff, Bob Dempsey

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at carriehoff@outlook.com or
phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are available for sponsor and dedication.