

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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21st Sunday after Pentecost – October 13, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.

Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**
* = Please stand at your discretion*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Johann G. Walther

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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.

*HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW # 858

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

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.

Amen.

WORD

⁶Seek 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 90:12-17 (*read responsively with leader*)

Michelle Weymouth

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, 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.

¹⁵**Make 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.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

ANTHEM

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
RINGERS OF PRAISE

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Response after the announcement: “Glory to you, O Lord!”

¹⁷As 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.”

Response after the reading: **“Praise to you, O Christ!”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Impossible For Us, But Not God”

Rev. Sheryl Kester Beyer

Silence for reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW # 655

PRAYERS *(each petition concludes:)*

... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Bob Elton

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Lloyd Casey (John Casey’s father)

*PEACE

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

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT



*OFFERING / 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.**

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*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

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

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the

center cups. *Gluten-free wafers are available by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “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.

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW # 767

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING (response: “**Amen!**”)

*SENDING HYMN

“You Servants of God”

ELW # 825

*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: “**Thanks be to God!**”)

*POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Paul Manz

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Gather in Grace, Grow in Faith, Serve in Community, Glorify Christ!