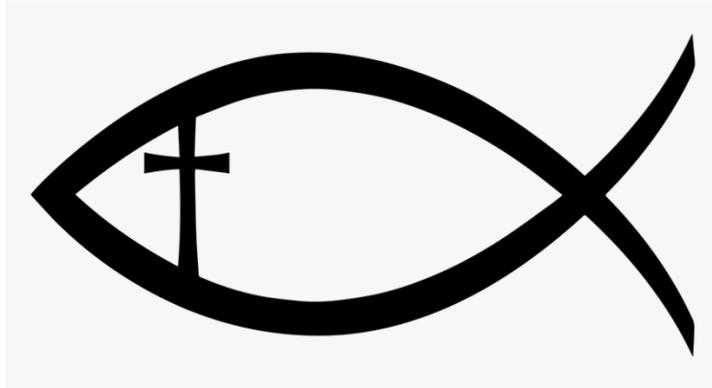


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**October 3, 2021 – Worldwide Communion**

**10:30 AM - Worship/ Holy Communion**

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**Organ Prelude - “All Things Bright and Beautiful” - Arr. Gordon Young**

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,**

**The Rev. Karen Sease**

**Introduction to Worship**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (Stand if you are able)

*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,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from the injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #526 - "God is Here"** (Stand if you are able)

**Greeting**

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

PEOPLE: **AND ALSO WITH YOU**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. From us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

(Please be Seated)

## **First Reading- Genesis 2: 18-24**

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**      PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Psalms 8 (read responsively)**

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Second Reading- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2 :5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Lector: **The Word of the Lord**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (said by all - Please stand)**

**"ALLELUIA! LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?  
YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. ALLELUIA!"**

**Introduction to the Gospel**

Pastor: **The holy gospel according to Mark:**

PEOPLE: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

## **The Holy Gospel - Mark 10: 2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Pastor: **The gospel of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Message/ Sermon - The Rev. Karen Sease**

## **Hymn - ELW #840 - "Now Thank We All Our God"**

(Stand if you are able)

**APOSTLES' CREED**

(Please stand , if able)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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 and Intercessions:**

**Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,**

**People: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

## **Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: **Lift up your hearts.**

People: **WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People: **IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

#### **Jesus' Words of Institution (said by Pastor)**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

##### **Invitation to Communion**

Pastor: **All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.**

(At this time, remove the seal at the bottom of the small chalice, remove the small piece of bread. Hold it in your hand)

P: **This is the body of Christ given for you. Take and eat.** (Eat the bread)

(At this time, remove the seal above the small chalice. Hold the chalice in your hand.)

P: **This is the blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.**

(Drink the wine or grape juice. Set down the small chalice for prayer.)

P: (Communion Blessing) **The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. AMEN.**

##### **Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)**

**Blessing (Pastor) :** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. AMEN.

##### **Dismissal:**

Pastor: **Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Piano Postlude - "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" - Arr. Anne Krentz Organ**

## Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. Karen Sease
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Ben Naska
Altar Guild	- Barb Naska
Lector	- Linda Sauter
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Scott Gaun, Dianna Streletz
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY, October 3 (Worldwide Communion) - **10:30 AM** - Worship/ Holy Communion  
Live inside with masks and also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- NEXT SUNDAY, October 10 - Guest Preacher, The Rev. Marcia Bell
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING- Monday, October 11 at 7PM
- OCTOBER "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" go to Lutheran Disaster Response

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkhams; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Ron Steele; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Rocco Vonelli; and Linda Wilson

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Robert Harman; Craig Hartzell; Ruth Holena; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; The Rhine Family; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Ulrey; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

**Essential Food Workers:** Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

**Essential Postal Workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson