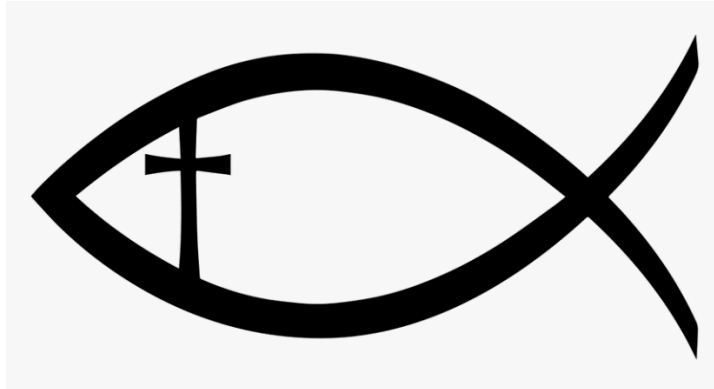


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**October 10, 2021 – SEASON OF PENTECOST**

**10:30 AM - Worship**

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**Organ Prelude - “Corrente” - Jean Baptiste de Lully**

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,  
The Rev. Marcia Bell**

**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 #689 - "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

(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**

*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.*

(Please be Seated)

## **First Reading- Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15**

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.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, 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.

For 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.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek 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.

Hate 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.

Lector: **The Word of the Lord.**

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Psalm 90: 12-17** (read responsively)

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

**<sup>13</sup>Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?**

**Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

**<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted  
us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works, and your splendor  
to their children.

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

**Second Reading- Hebrews 4: 12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And 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.

Since, 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. For 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. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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: 17-31**

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

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It 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." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus 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, who 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. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

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

(Be seated after the gospel)

**Message/ Sermon - The Rev. Marcia Bell**

## **Hymn - ELW #685 - "Take My Life, That I May Be"**

(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.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of Peace**

**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.

**Closing Hymn - ELW #705 - "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

(Stand if you are able)

**Dismissal:**

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

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Piano Postlude - "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" - Arr. Carol Tornquist**

## Helping in Worship

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Preacher                | - Rev. Marcia Bell            |
| Organist/Choir Director | - Carolyn Williams            |
| Acolyte                 | - Conner Aquino               |
| Lector                  | - Val McGinn                  |
| Usher                   | - Joe Hlavaty                 |
| Council Counting Team   | - Scott Gaun, Dianna Streletz |
| Technology              | - Ken Anderson                |
| Office Secretary        | - Jessica Mette               |
| Custodian               | - Dianna Streletz             |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY - **10:30AM**  
Live inside with masks and also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
- NEXT SUNDAY, October 17 - Guest Preacher, The Rev. James Heckman
- CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING- Monday, October 11 at 7PM
- WELCA- will meet on Tuesday October 19 at 11AM - in the back of the church.  
Topic is Thursdays in Black.
- 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