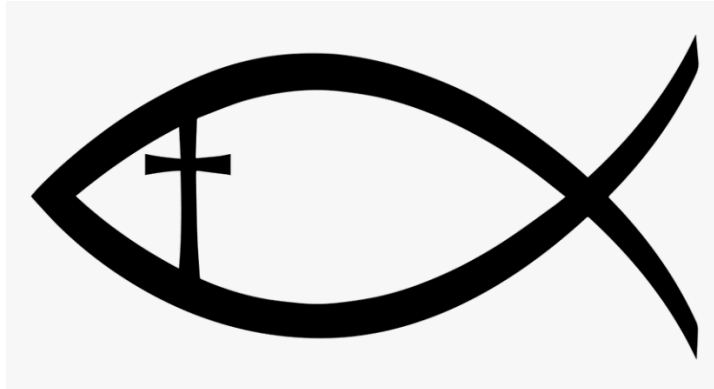


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October 24, 2021 – SEASON OF PENTECOST

10:30 AM - Worship

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Organ Prelude - “Andante in F” - Alexandre Guilmant

**Welcome - Announcements - Welcome our Guest Preacher,
The Rev. James Heckman**

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 #673 - "God Whose Almighty Word"

(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

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Psalm 126 (read responsively)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**²Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading- Hebrews 7: 23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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: 46-52

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - The Rev. James Heckman

Hymn - ELW #843 - "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

(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: Hear us, O God.

People: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.

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 #713 - "O God of Every Nation" vs. 1,2 & 4

(Stand if you are able)

Dismissal:

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

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Piano Postlude - "Llangloffan (O God of Every Nation)" Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Chase Aquino
Lector	- Jim Nicholas
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 31st - HOLY COMMUNION/ REFORMATION DAY will be celebrated with Guest Preacher, The Rev. James Heckman
- OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER 25th - Cheryl Mesko ; OCTOBER 30th - Benjamin J. Naska; OCTOBER 31ST- Nicole Crouse
- OCTOBER BAPTISMS - OCTOBER 25TH - Jim Nicholas; Silas Rodenbach; OCTOBER 30th -Jessica (Fisher) Johnson; OCTOBER 31ST - Adam Mesko
- 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 and George Kreitz; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne & Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Clarence Hoover, Jr.; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merckham; Clint O'Connor; Sue Odor; 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; and Jayne Miller.

For the Grieving: The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr; Phyllis Boyer; 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 postal workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson.