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**October 23, 2022; THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:30 AM – Non-Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10**  
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**Prelude - How Majestic is Your Name - Arr. Mark Hayes**

**Welcome - Announcements**

**Introduction to Worship**

*Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**(Stand if you are able)**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection*)  
God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.  
We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us  
in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength  
on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven  $\dagger$  and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn - ELW #588 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs. 1 & 2**

**Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138**

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

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie ..... ELW Page 203

**Prayer of the Day**

L: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

(Please be Seated)

**First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22**

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

L: The First Lesson is a reading from the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your

name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this

L: The Word of the Lord.      C: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **Psalm 84:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

L: A reading from the fourth chapter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205**

### **The Holy Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14**

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated after the gospel)

### **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day – ELW#588 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" vs.3 & 4**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

P: Let us unite in the profession of our faith, using the Apostles' Creed.

**C: 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 power of 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 and Intercessions:**

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

## **Offertory Choir Anthem - Change My Heart O God (RW 275)**

### **Canticle of Thanksgiving (ELW p.219)**

#### **Thanksgiving for the Word (ELW p.220)**

P: Let us pray. "O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

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

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

**C: 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.**

#### **Sending Song: ELW #208 - "Praise to You O God of Mercy "**

#### **Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude: Cortege - Gordon Young**



## Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- Nicholas Phillip
Altar Guild	- Barbara Naska and Serena Ashmore
Lector	- Karen Beerer
Greeters	- TBD
Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **TODAY**, Sunday, October 23rd - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- **Next Sunday**, October 30th – Reformation Sunday – WEAR SOMETHING RED!
  - Following Worship – Forum: “**How do we as Lutherans express our faith in the politics of our world today?**”
- The Adult Bible study meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty.

### UP COMING EVENTS:

- Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am – Halloween Parade
- **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**- OCTOBER 25th - Cheryl Mesko; OCTOBER 30th - Benjamin J Naska
- **OCTOBER BAPTISMS**- OCTOBER 25th - Jim Nicolas and Silas Rodenbach; OCTOBER 30th- Jessica Johnson
- Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for World Hunger.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMEBER NEWSLETTER ARE **DUETODAY!**

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

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany Michl; Julia Michl; Donnie Pyne; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron and Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For the grieving:** Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jeffrey Tapler