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# October 1, 2023 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost World Wide Communion Sunday



# Introduction to Worship

Jesus' parable about two sons who do not do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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#### Prelude - Fill Me Now - Arr. Carol Tornquist

#### Welcome

#### 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.

- P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

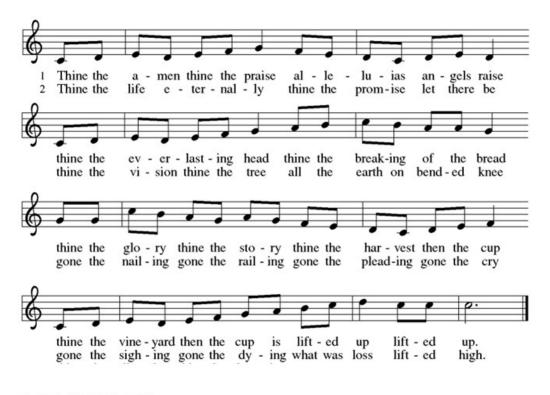
Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Steadfast and faithful God,
- C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ⊕ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Thine the Amen

C: Amen.

#### Opening Hymn - ELW 826 vs. 1,2



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#### P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Cr

#### C: Amen.

#### Kyrie



# Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

L: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

## First Reading – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

L: A reading from Ezekiel, the eighteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GoD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GoD. Turn, then, and live.

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

# PSALM: 25:1-9

- P: <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C: <sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- P: <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

- P: <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C: <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- P: <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- C: <sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- P: <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

# Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A reading from Philippians, the second chapter:

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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



# Gospel Acclamation (Please stand if you are able)



#### The Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

#### P: The Gospel according to Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

## Hymn of the Day: ELW 826 vs 3,4

#### Thine the thine the ta - ble tru - ly thine the the guest 3 yes we king-dom thine the prize 4 Thine the thine the won - der full sur - prise thine the all from thee thine the mer - cy glo - ry yet to be thine the ban-quet then the praise then the jus - tice ways of thy ring-ing and the sing-ing then the then the end of all the war thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel-come to least the liv - ing thine the lov - ing thine the ev - er - more ev - er more. then the in - creas - ing won - der all at thy feast at thy feast. Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

Thine the Amen

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#### The Apostle's Creed:

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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 OF INTERCESSION**

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

#### A brief silence.

P: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God,

### C: receive our prayer.

P: Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God,

### C: receive our prayer.

P: Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority (local and national leaders may be named). Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God,

### C: receive our prayer.

P: Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way (especially). Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

#### C: Amen.

# Sharing of the Peace

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### C: And also with you.

#### OFFERING

Choir Anthem: I Come With Joy - arr. Zebulon M. Highben

# **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

# C: Amen.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# The Great Thanksgiving

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

# Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- 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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)





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#### **Prayer after Communion**

- P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
- C: Amen.

#### Announcements

#### BLESSING

P: The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

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#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: Thanks be to God. Postlude

			ANNOUNC	EMENTS		
	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS	
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr Scott Lehr, Jeremy Roney				Barbara Naska	
2	Justin Apgar					
5	Connor Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (91)					
6	Virginia Hager				Joan Mammana	
7	Lois Altemose					
		TH	IS WEEK'S AC	<b>TIVITIES</b>	1	
Sunday, October 1 (communion) Tuesday, October 3		After	<b>10:00 AM</b> After worship12:00 PM		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Congregational Meeting Prime Timers lunch @ Trinity, Pleasant	
Wednesday, October 4		10:00 /	7:00 Pm 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM		Valley PALM meeting @ St. Peter's Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit	
Thursday, October 5		10:00 / 11:00 /	12:00 PM 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
		UF	<b>PCOMING ACT</b>	IVITIES		
		10:00 /		Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman (Porter) Connor Jose Ebram Baptism Confirmation Class @ Durham		
Tuesda	ay, October 10	7:00 PI	7:00 PM		Church Council meeting	
Wednesday, October 11		11:00	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM		Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim	
Thursday, October 12		11:00 /	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM		arsal rs Study @ Hlavaty's	
Friday, October 13 10:0		10:00	AM	WELCA Meeting		
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Sunday, October 15 10:00 (communion)		10:00	AM	-	<b>Pr. Jim Heckman</b> lle Frenk Baptism	

Monday, October 16	7:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Crop Walk Planning @St. Peter's
Tuesday, October 17	7:30 PM	Finance Committee Budget Meeting
Wednesday, October 18	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	11:00 AM - 11:15 PM	Care -A-Lot Visit
	12:00 PM	Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
	12:30 PM	Care-A-Lot Board meeting
Thursday, October 19	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Office hours
	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Care-A-Lot Board Meeting
	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
	7:00 PM -8:30 PM	Crop Walk Planning @ St. Peter's
Friday, October 20	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary

October Outreach - Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for Lutheran Disaster Response for flood relief.



# For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Keep in your Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; PRAYERS Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

# For Healing of Friends and Family:

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# For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

# For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org

# Helping in Worship

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Head / Communion Usher	
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Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson
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