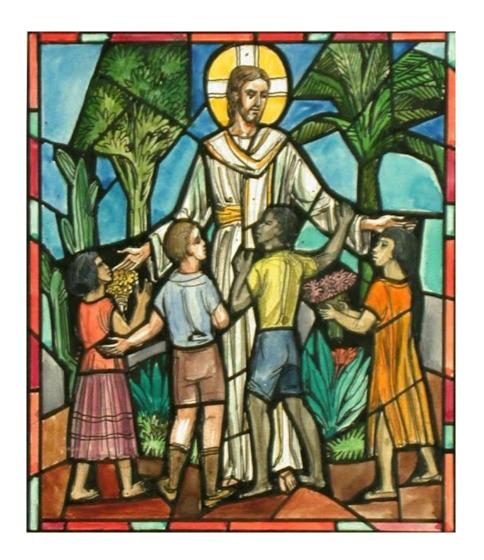
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October 6, 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?.

You can find the live stream at the following location:

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Prelude:

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- C: Amen.



Gathering Hymn: ELW 641

All Are Welcome



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



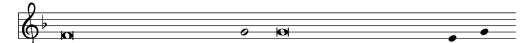
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



have mer - cy.

Lord,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

L: A reading from the 2nd chapter of Genesis

¹⁸The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So 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 every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The 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. ²¹So 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. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then 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."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 8

- L: ¹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- C: ²you 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.
- L: ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C: 4what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- L: 5Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- C: ⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- L: ⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C: 8the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- L: ⁹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading - Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us..

L: A reading from the $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ and $\mathbf{2}^{nd}$ chapter of Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but 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. ³He 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, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting 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.

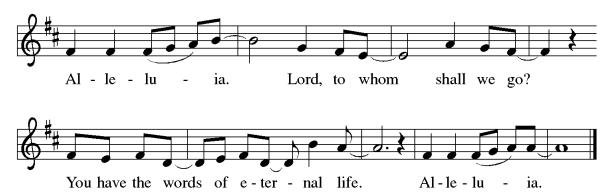
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

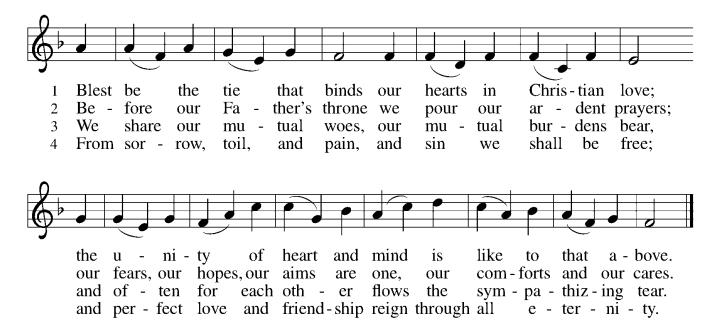
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: ELW 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

Apostle's Creed

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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet (especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today). God of grace,

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

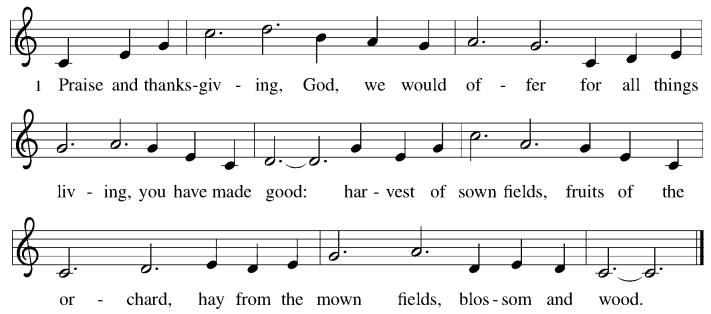
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Praise and Thanksgiving



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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

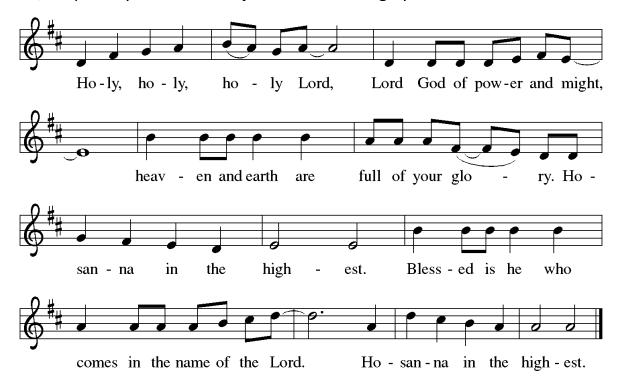
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

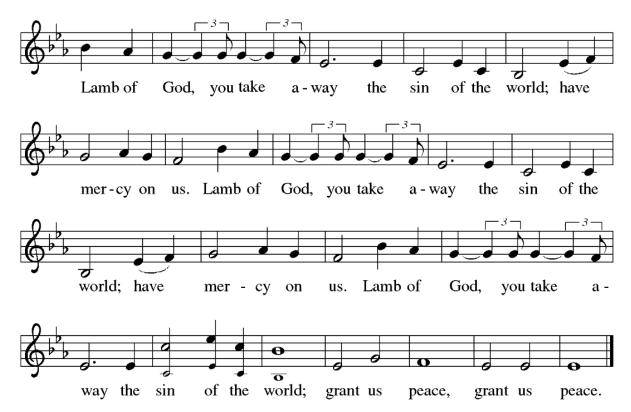
C: Amen.

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 welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



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

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



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Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace, Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for October will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief to help those affected by floods and fires.

ANNOUNCEMENTS .							
October BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS			
6	Virginia Hager				Joan Mammana		
7	Lois Altemose						
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES							
Sunday, October 6 20 th Sunday after Pentecost		9:15 AI 10:00 A		Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. David Lutcher			
Tuesday, October 8		7:00 PI	M	Monthly Council Meeting			
Wednesday, October 9		10:00 F	PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)			
Thursday, October 10			AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Friday, October 11		9:30 AI 11:00 A	M- 10:30 AM AM	Guardians for God WELCA @ Church			
Saturday October 12		1:00PN	1:00PM-4:00PM		Durham Community Day		
		UP	COMING ACTI	VITIES			
Sunday, October 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost		9:15 AI 10:00 A 5:00PN		Adult Sunday school in the library. Non- Communion Worship Guest Speaker: Scott Gaun Confirmation Class @ St. Peters Riegelsville			
Tuesday, October 15		1:00PM	1	Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office			
Wednesday, October 16		10:00 P	PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)			
Thursday, October 17			AM - 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Friday, October 18 9:3		9:30 - 1	.0:30 AM	Guardians for	Guardians for God		
• •					n @ Durham t. Peter's, Riegelsville		
22 nd Sunday	Sunday, October 209:15 AM22nd Sunday after Pentecost10:00 A		AM	Communion \	Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship- Rev. David Lutcher		
Wednesday, October 23 10:00		7:30PM 10:00 P 7:00 PM	PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours	nance Committee Meeting fice Hours ALM Meeting @ Upper Tinicum		
Thursday, October 24 10:00 A 12:00 P		M - 1:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew				
Friday, October 25 9:		9:30 - 1	L0:30 AM	Guardians for	Guardians for God		



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James &

family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Lynn Bailey; Norma Fox; Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Kenneth Hager; Melody Jordan; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

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: joanmammana@icloud.com

The September Outreach envelope collection will go to Lutheran Disaster Services

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Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella and Becky Praster	
Greeter(s)	Scott Gaun	
Acolyte		
Lector	Scott Gaun	
Head / Communion Usher		
Council Communion / Counting Team	Dave Sauter and Cathy Mueller	
Administration & Technology	Ken Anderson	
Custodian	Dianna Streletz	

The Walk is **next Sunday**! When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you are raising money to help fight hunger but you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, for water and for firewood each day. Only one week left to sign up to be a Walker or sponsor! We now have one Walker participating from our congregation. To become a Walker or sponsor, please see Ken Anderson to Sign up or donate. The CROP Hunger Walk is truly about us all fighting hunger in many ways throughout the world!! Come walk with us!





Palisades Area CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13th 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
St Peter's Lutheran Church 720 Edgewood Rd. Riegelsville, PA
The route will go south on the Delaware canal to Trauger's Farm and back.
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