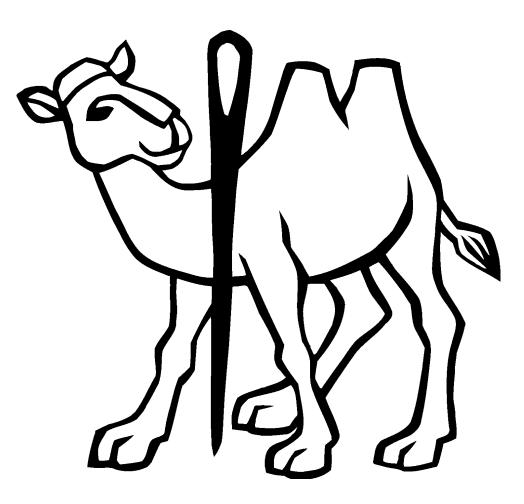


The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour We Greet Our Members and Visitors Warmly In Jesus' Name.

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, October 13, 2024



Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation! 2415 Chili Avenue. Rochester, NY, 14624 | 585-247-7824 | www.oursaviourrochester.org

Prelude & Processional Hymn: "Come, We That Love the Lord"



In Today's Liturgy

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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

All: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

- Pastor:Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy
endures forever.
- All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,

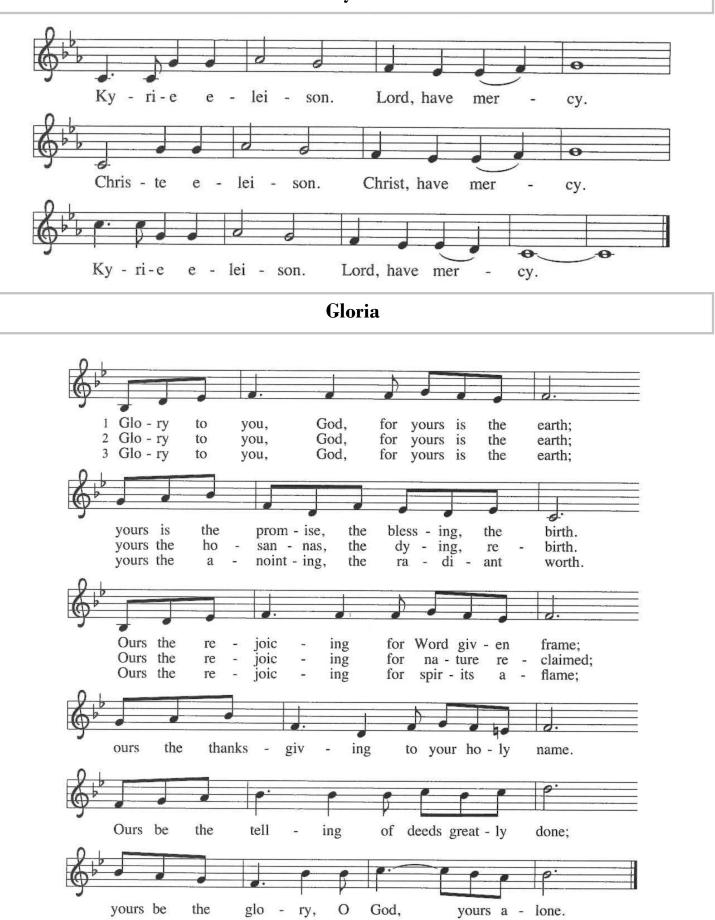
All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. 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.

Pastor: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.

All: Amen.

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

(You may be seated)



The First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Lector: Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A reading from the book of Amos.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

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

- All: Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.
- *Lector:* Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- *All:* Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.
- *Lector:* Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.
- *All:* May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.



The Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector: We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

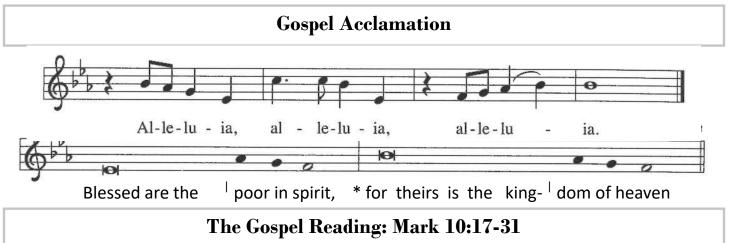
A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

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.

All: Thanks be to God.



Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: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.All:Praise to you, O Christ.

The Hymn of the Day: "Commonwealth Is God's Commandment"



(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "Take My Life, That I May Be"



The Apostles' Creed

Pastor:Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.All: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 powerof the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under PontiusPilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the thirdday he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at theright hand ofthe Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in theHoly Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgivenessof sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor:	Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. <i>(a brief silence)</i>
	Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Pastor:	Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Pastor:	Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to use their resources to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. God of grace,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Pastor:	Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Pastor:	Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,
All:	Hear our prayer.
Pastor:	Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
All:	Amen.

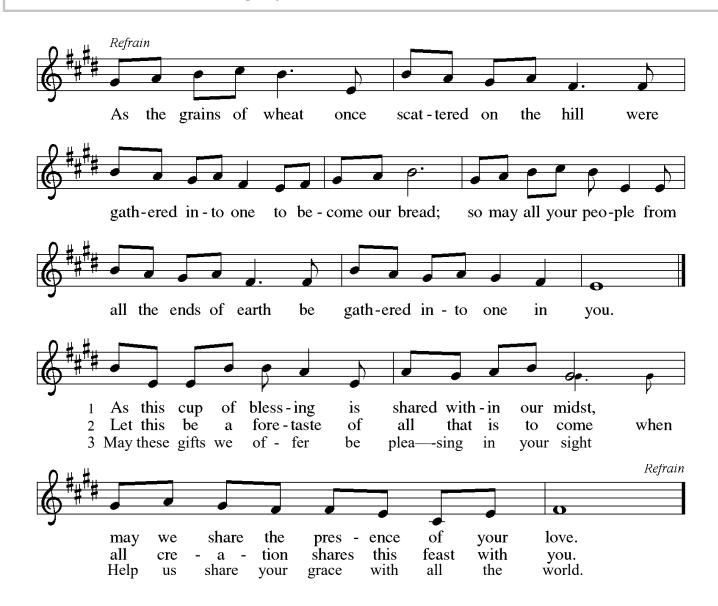
Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(You may be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



Offering Prayer

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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 in their unending hymn:



Pastor: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

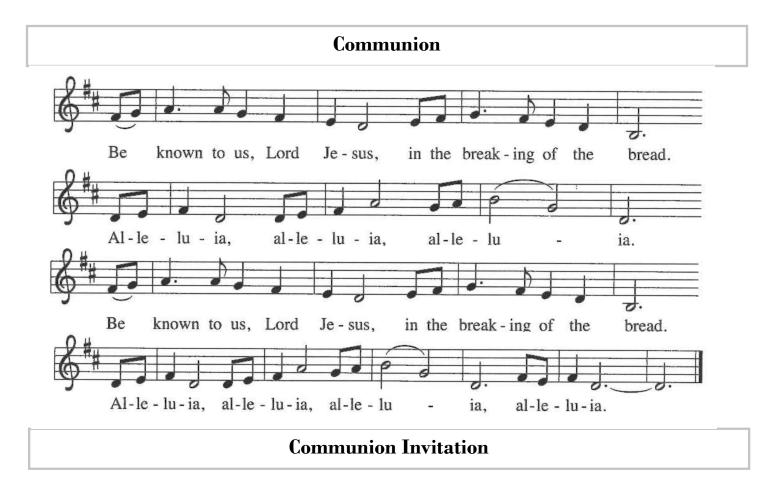
All: The earth is full of your glory.

Pastor: Amen, and amen.

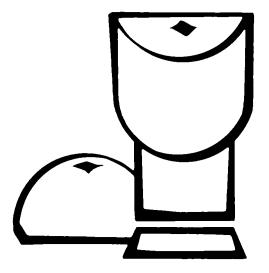
All: Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- *Pastor:* Let us pray as our Savior taught.
- *All:* 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.



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



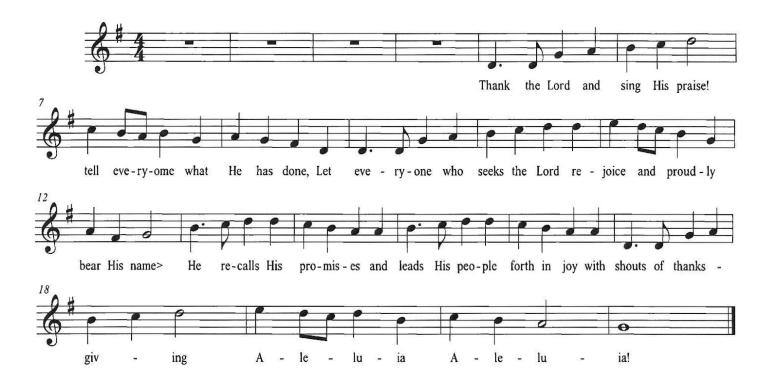
(if you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew, please speak to a service leader.)

Communion Solo: "Take My Life And Let It Be" arr. Mark Hayes

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Post Communion Canticle Composed by Bob Newbury



Post Communion Prayer

Pastor:We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this
feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may
do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Please stand if you are able)

	Blessing	
Pastor:	God all mighty,, God most merciful † bless you all, now and forever.	
All:	Amen.	

Closing Hymn: "O God of Every Nation"



Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. And share God's love with our community.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

