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## **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**“God’s Work. Our hands.”**

**Sunday**

**September 8, 2024**

**10 AM**



James tells us not to show favoritism in the church, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today’s Gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don’t deserve the same grace and love from God? Or was he speaking out of a human worldview, but then transcended those limits when she replied? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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**Welcome to worship!**  
**Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.**

**PRELUDE**

*Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*  
(Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now)

Georg Böhm

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Please stand and face the baptismal font  
near the entrance of the church.***

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 sometimes harm our neighbors with our tongues.  
The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.  
In our desire to be first,  
we sometimes make distinctions among ourselves  
and 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, the Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven in the name of the Triune God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

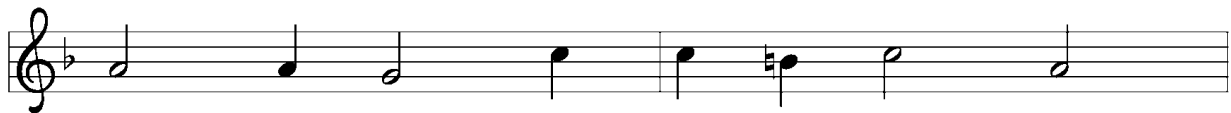
**C. Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN****Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now****LBW 253**

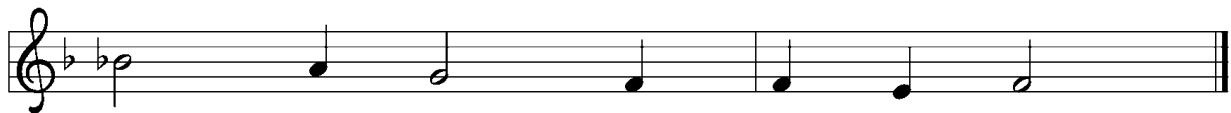
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O  
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your  
 end - less hymns through all our days; in -  
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To



Spir - it send with light di - vine, and  
 crease our faith and light our minds; and  
 in the light of that blest place we  
 you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty, be



let your truth with - in us shine.  
 set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 then shall see you face to face.  
 praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

**GREETING**

**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.

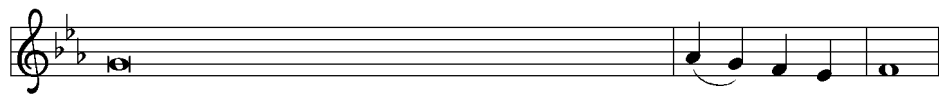
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



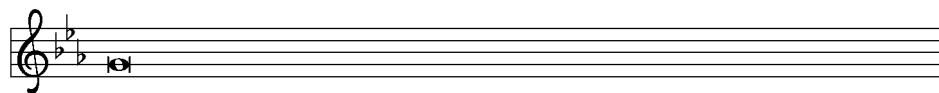
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



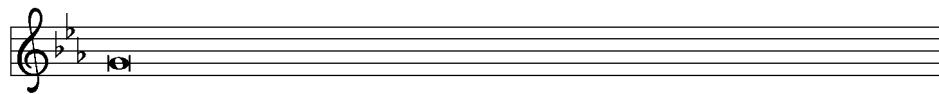
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



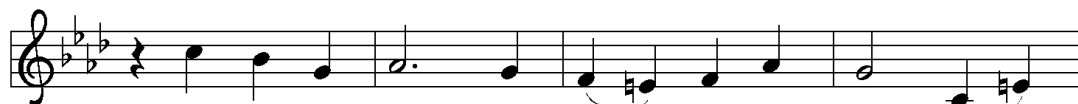
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray:

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus, the Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

A. A reading from Isaiah, the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter.

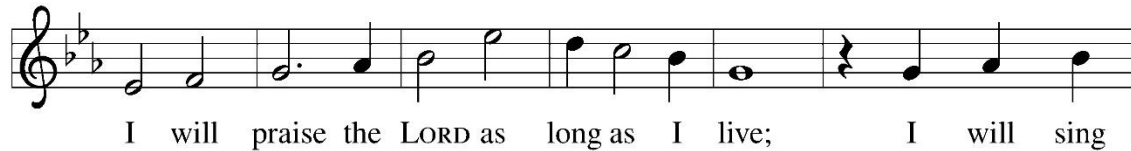
<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**REFRAIN:** *Sung first by the Choir, repeated by ALL thereafter.*



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**The Psalm Verses are sung responsively to the following tone.**



<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish. REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;**

**the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous. REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! REFRAIN**

## SECOND READING James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

*Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

A. A reading from James, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand.***



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Choir Verse

Rejoice in the Lord always;\* again I will say, Rejoice. (*Phil. 4:4*)

**ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.**

## GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

P. The Holy Gospel According to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.**

**Please be seated.**

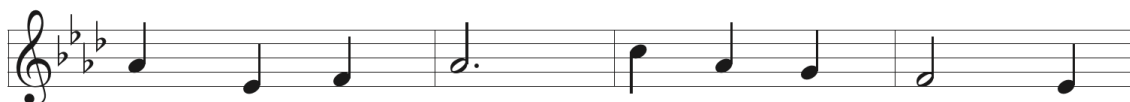
**SERMON**

**Pastor Niederer**

**Silence for Meditation**

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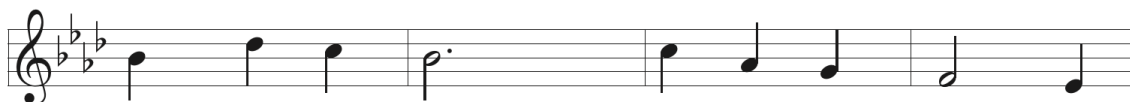
**HYMN OF THE DAY: God's Work, Our Hands**



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.



## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Apostles' Creed.

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who 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 to the dead.  
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

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Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

### ***A brief silence.***

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Continue to guide and strengthen our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere be strengthened and flourish, as they live out their calling to serve. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict in the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, and Sudan. Open a way for hostages to be freed and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war and religious persecution to a safe haven. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who need and provide ongoing care and support, including those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and knitters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

**PEACE**      *Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.*

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

C. And also with you.

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**      *Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

***O God of Mercy, God of Light***

***LBW 425***



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
each other's burdens help us share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
those who have lived to you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.  
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

**Please stand.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

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 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.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

P. 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:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P. Holy mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
Blessed and 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this  
cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

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

P. Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come. Receive what Christ is offering.



## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.





## CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

*Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.*

*Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.*

***A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.  
The center contains purple grape juice.  
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.***

***After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.***

*Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.*

***Please stand.***

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Let us pray:

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.

## BLESSING

P. God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit..

C. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand.**

**SENDING HYMN**

***Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

**LBW 559**



1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.  
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.  
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

**DISMISSAL**

- A. Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccatina on O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Alfred Fedak

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**OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY  
TO**

Kaitlin Shinholster, Greeter  
Jack Martinez, Crucifer  
Julie Buckingham, Liturgical Cantor  
Janet Thalmann, Liturgist & Reader  
Sue Papera, Prayers of Intercession  
Sue Papera & Janet Thalmann, Altar Guild

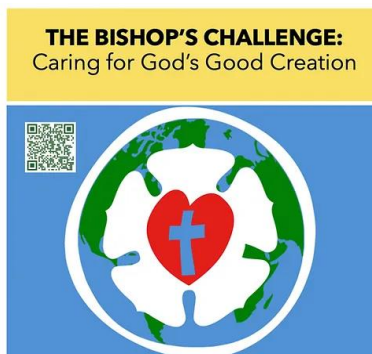


## After Mass Today

Refreshments available in the Memorial Room.



Today gives us the opportunity to celebrate faith and who we are as a member congregation of the ELCA – one church freed in Christ to live out faith as we serve and love one another and our neighbors.



“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and replenish it...”

Genesis 1:28

*In care of God's creation:*

*We invite you to take your bulletin home for meditation and to remember those on our prayer list. If you choose not to, please place the bulletin on the table at the back of the church or place it in the large plastic bin on the floor near the mailboxes after Mass.*

*All cardboard and paper are recycled from those locations.*

*A recycle receptacle for plastic and glass is in the Memorial / Coffee Room.*



**Via Zoom**

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at Noon**

*The Early Missionaries*

*Connection link & Reading will be emailed*

### **PRAYERS**

**Joan Costello** (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Carol Weber**; Carol's family: **Doris Baumann, Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's friends and family: **Donald Lazlear** and his family, **Katie and Surella Borowski; Rose Davis** (cancer); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke; Thom Mongelli** (Lynn's husband); **Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); **Anne Marie Soto** (Lynn's friend, home in hospice with pancreatic cancer); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L.** (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); Janet's family and friends: **Jason and Paul Thalmann; Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien, Bert Maltz** (health concerns), **Michele Rusciano; Mark Crovatto** (Al's son); **Anita and Harold Bontekoe** (health concerns), Mary Ellen's family and friends: **Susan Beever; Dominick Capalba** (6 year old with brain cancer); **Patty Fitzgerald** (terminal lung cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia & Chuck Hendron** (Kay's parents – memory care); **John Steffen** (Lorli's brother with health concerns); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Peter Schelbli** (Erika's nephew with cancer); Friends of the congregation: **Kevin** (cancer), **Doris Feirer, Arouss Darpinian** (health concerns); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Lewis' Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell, James Mingo** (Donna's grandson - health concerns); **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Mary Sue Kaplow** (health concerns); (baby) **Hannah Muñiz** (a hospice patient where Jack works); **Chris & Sara** (parents-to-be) and **Dominick** (Donna Gentile's unborn great-nephew); **Paul Whelan, Evan Gershkovich, and Alsu Kurmasheva** (recovering after release from Russian Prisons); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan, Sudan and organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees; front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers; national and regional relief workers and firefighters and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

***Let Lynn or Pastor know of changes needed on the prayer list.***



## **COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654**

**Monday, September 9, 2024**

Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

**John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

**Holy Cross Day**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

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