

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

6 OCTOBER 2024

To
God
be the
GLORY



Great Things He Hath Done!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

HYMN #879 “FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

GREETING (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 & CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (PAGE 138-141)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

C: Amen

READINGS

GENESIS 2:18-24 | PSALM 8 | HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)

♩ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL [MARK 10:2-16]

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN

HYMN #769 “IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU”

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**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 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 OF INTERCESSION

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

(Each petition ends: P: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.)

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.

PEACE (PAGE 143)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

C: Amen.

♩ **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

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.

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♩ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♫ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HYMN #640 "OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #595 v.3)

**♫ Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN #840 “NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

RINGING OF THE BELL

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

Organist: Jason Boussetot or Linda Whitman

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This Week At A Glance

Tuesday	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
	5:30 pm	First Communion/Acolyte at Faith
Wednesday	10:00 am	Naomi Circle at Marsha Witte’s home
	6:00 pm	Confirmation at Faith
	7:00 pm	Bible Jam at Faith
	7:00 pm	Education committee at Faith
Thursday	6:00 pm	Outreach committee at Our Savior’s
	6:30 pm	Worship committee at Our Savior’s
	7:00 pm	Council meetings at Our Savior’s
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship service at Our Savior’s
	9:25 am	Sunday School at Faith
	10:30 am	Worship service at Faith

Those to keep in prayer: the family of Lois Dieckmann, Brantley Boussetot, Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Larry Schau, Brent Shelton, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille (Ruth Braet’s friend); the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

Everyone enjoys a visit. Four of our parish members are not able to attend worship services on Sunday. If you would like to personally deliver a copy of *Today’s Readings* and Pastor Leah’s sermon to any of these people, you may collect the items at Sunday worship services. Addresses will be included with each packet.

Betty Schau and Delores Lahann reside at Wheatland Manor.

Carol Christensen lives at Grand Haven in Eldridge.

Vera St. John resides at her home in Calamus.

Membership Directory

The Calamus Lutheran Parish is creating a membership directory. You are respectfully requested to submit family information using a hard copy paper form **OR** an online Google Form. Once the directory is active, members will have access to the directory, be able to edit their information, and print a hard copy. If you have any questions, contact the church office 563-246-2622. Thank you for your cooperation.

World Hunger Day – October 15 – During the month of October, the loose offering will be designated for ELCA World Hunger. Other donations are welcome, please designate for World Hunger. Faith and Our Savior's councils have already approved a donation of \$50 to ELCA World Hunger from each congregation. Thank you for your generosity in support of this worthy cause!

There is an opportunity to listen to a Zoom presentation at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15, celebrating the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. SE IA Bishop Amy Current and ELCA Vice President Imran Siddiqui will be the leaders. You may register at this link: <http://bit.ly/3ZzCWgX>

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, October 20th.

All Saints Sunday is November 3rd There is a sheet of paper at the back of each sanctuary for listing the names of loved ones who have died this past year.

Communion instruction at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8, at Faith is recommended for young children who have not yet received communion. Children through sixth grade are encouraged to attend. The class is a good refresher for all, even adults! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Acolyte Training is also on Tuesday, October 8, at 5:30 pm at Faith. This instruction is for anyone who is scheduled to acolyte at Faith and Our Savior's.

The Worship Committee would like to add special music to services. If you are interested in offering special music (vocal or instrumental) during the offering at Our Savior's or Faith, please contact Pastor Leah or a member of the committee.

*Members of Faith and Our Savior's,
We wanted to reach out and let you know that we are so thankful for your support during our hard times. We are finally over the hill and Van is doing great. We no longer require extra assistance, but we are grateful for our extended Lutheran family.*

With love, The Mickelson Family

Of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven

Mark 10:13-16 They brought little children to Jesus that he might touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw what they were doing he was vexed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and don't try to stop them for of such is the Kingdom of God. This is the truth I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will not enter into it." And he took them up in the crook of his arm and blessed them and laid his hands upon them.

It was natural that Jewish mothers should wish their children to be blessed by a great and distinguished Rabbi. Especially they brought their children to such a person on their first birthday. It was in this way that they brought the children to Jesus on this day.

We will fully understand the almost poignant beauty of this passage only if we remember when it happened. Jesus was on the way to the Cross--and he knew it. Its cruel shadow can never have been far from his mind. It was at such a time that he had time for the children. Even with such a tension in his mind as that he had time to take them in his arms and he had the heart to smile into their faces and maybe to play with them awhile.

The disciples were not boorish and ungracious men. They simply wanted to protect Jesus. They did not quite know what was going on, but they knew quite clearly that tragedy lay ahead and they could see the tension under which Jesus laboured. They did not want him to be bothered. They could not conceive that he could want the children about him at such a time as that. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Incidentally, this tells us a great deal about Jesus. It tells us that he was the kind of person who cared for children and for whom children cared. He could not have been a stern and gloomy and joyless person. There must have been a kindly sunshine on him. He must have smiled easily and laughed joyously. Somewhere George Macdonald says that he does not believe in a man's Christianity if

the children are never to be found playing around his door. This little, precious incident throws a flood of light on the human kind of person Jesus was.

“Of such,” said Jesus “is the Kingdom of God.” What is it about the child that Jesus liked and valued so much?

(i) There is the child’s humility. There is the child who is an exhibitionist, but such a child is rare and almost always the product of misguided adult treatment. Ordinarily the child is embarrassed by prominence and publicity. He has not yet learned to think in terms of place and pride and prestige. He has not yet learned to discover the importance of himself.

(ii) There is the child’s obedience. True, a child is often disobedient, but, paradox though it may seem, his natural instinct is to obey. He has not yet learned the pride and the false independence which separate a man from his fellow-men and from God.

(iii) There is the child’s trust. That is seen in two things.

(a) It is seen in the child’s acceptance of authority. There is a time when he thinks his father knows everything and that his father is always right. To our shame, he soon grows out of that. But instinctively the child realizes his own ignorance and his own helplessness and trusts the one who, as he thinks, knows.

(b) It is seen in the child’s confidence in other people. He does not expect any person to be bad. He will make friends with a perfect stranger. A great man once said that the greatest compliment ever paid him was when a little boy came up to him, a complete stranger, and asked him to tie his shoelace. The child has not yet learned to suspect the world. He still believes the best about others. Sometimes that very trust leads him into danger for there are those who are totally unworthy of it and who abuse it, but that trust is a lovely thing.

(iv) The child has a short memory. He has not yet learned to bear grudges and nourish bitterness. Even when he is unjustly treated--and who among us is not sometimes unjust to his children?--he forgets, and forgets so completely that he does not even need to forgive.

Indeed, of such is the Kingdom of God.

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