
Worship & Holy Communion
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 20, 2024 9:30 a.m.



Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

In God's Service

Worship Leader:	Pastor Jane Harris
Ministers:	All Baptized People of God
Music:	Joe Chodur
Reader:	Ron Lundblad
Ushers	Ron & Becky Lundblad

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have special prayer requests, you would like included in the Prayers of the Church, please write them on a purple slip from the table by the offering plate in the Narthex. The prayers will be brought forward during the Offertory.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

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.

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.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. **Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen

The assembly is seated.

Isaiah 53:4-12

The suffering servant

Psalms 91:9-16

You have made the LORD
your refuge, and the
Most High your habitation.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Through suffering Christ becomes
the source of salvation

Mark 10:35-45

Warnings to ambitious
disciples

A reading from Isaiah:

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: (Please read responsively)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,

and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

A reading from Hebrews:

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is

not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-prepare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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The assembly stands

CREED

**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 (*PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY*)

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

A brief silence.

P: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church.

C: Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love.

P: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world.

C: Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive.

P: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status.

C: May economic equity be achieved for all people.

P: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill.

C: Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace

P: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus.

C: Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care.

P: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you.

C: We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone.

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.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Praise and Thanksgiving

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Praise and thanksgiving, God we would offer for all things living, you have made good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Each side will be ushered forward down the center aisle. Those on the pulpit side will kneel at the communion rail at the front and fill into the back. Those on the lector side will kneel at the communion rail at the back and fill in to the front. Pastor will distribute the elements from the pulpit front and around the back. Communion is continual. Return your cups to the trays by the pews.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table.
(The assembly is seated)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Mighty Fortress

Pat Steinfort

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Amen.

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

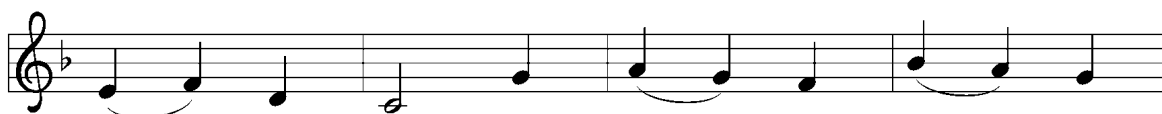
SENDING SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Calendar

This Week:

Sunday, Oct. 20	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ SP 10:30 am Fellowship 2:00-4:30 pm Confirmation Class SP
Monday, Oct. 21	9:00 am Quilting OS 9:30 am Quilting SP
Wednesday, Oct. 23	9:30 am M & M's SP 5:00 pm Ring His Praises Bell Choir Practice SP
Friday, Oct. 25	6:30 pm Bible Study SP 10-Noon Fall Clean Up SP
Saturday, Oct. 26	10-Noon Fall Clean Up OS

Next Week:

Sunday, Oct. 27	9:30 am Worship/Communion @ OS 10:30 am Fellowship 2:00 pm 2/4 Stitchers SP
Monday, Oct. 28	9:00 am Quilters OS 9:30 am Quilters SP
Wednesday, Oct. 30	9:30 am M&M's SP 5:00 pm Ring His Praises Bell Choir Practice SP
Thursday, Oct 31	6:30 Bible Study SP 5-6:30 Trunk or Treat

Announcements

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR HURRICANE HELENE VICTIMS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Together, both churches will be collecting a special offering that will go to the victims of Hurricane Helene. Special Offering Envelopes may be found in the pews today. Please make the checks out to SP or OS (hurricane relief" in the memo line and one check will be written to Lutheran Disaster Response at the end of the month. We ask you all to join with us in praying for all affected.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and if you'd like to wear a pink ribbon all month there's a small basket of ribbons in the Fellowship Hall (of both churches) for you to take. It's a reminder to get screened, so tell your friends/family members to set up their appointments!

Yard clean-up and some cleaning inside at both churches will be done together at the end of October. We invite everyone to come to St. Paul on Friday Oct. 25 from 10 am to Noon to work. Then on Saturday, Oct. 26 all are invited to work at on the yard at Our Saviour's. Some cleaning inside will also be done at each church. Please bring any tools that you might need.

Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31. Members of both churches are invited to be a part of a neighborhood Trunk or Treat in the parking lot of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church from 5:00 -6:30 pm on Thursday, Oct. 31. Please bring treats to pass out to the neighborhood children. Costumes and decorating your car are optional.

St. Paul WELCA will be holding a **Veterans Lunch** on Thursday, November 7th, 11-1 in the Fellowship Hall. Veterans eat for free, a free will offering will be requested from the other guests.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond. This year Elmwood St Joseph Cemetery along with the Mason City Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and North Iowa Christian School will be partnering to bring this program to our area. You can support this program by sponsoring a wreath and/or helping lay wreaths at Elmwood on Saturday, December 14, National Wreath Laying Day. There is a poster on the bulletin boards in each building with more information and a QR code to place an order. Diane Murphy or Nancy Marsh, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, are also available to answer any questions.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 213 N. Pennsylvania in Mason City will hold their annual Scandinavian Bazaar on Thursday, November 7th from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. This year's bazaar will feature a Coffee Shop serving a variety of Norwegian pastries, breads and sandwiches from 8:00 to 10:30 am. A \$10.00 Scandinavian meatball dinner with pie will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Plan to visit the various shops Scandinavian Boutique selling holiday and specialty items; Craft Creations with unique handmade items; Candy and Bake Shop; and the Book Nook with gently used puzzles and books of all kinds. All are welcome! All proceeds go to support local church and community projects in the North Iowa area.

For the members of St Paul – if you would like to donate flowers, it is really very easy. All you need to do is call our Church Secretary Valerie (641-423-7749) and let her know which month you would like to place flowers. She will take care of the details of ordering and delivery. The cost is \$40 which covers an entire month. Checks should be made payable to St Paul Lutheran Church and put a note in the memo line “flowers”. If you would like to donate in memory or honor of a specific occasion or person let Valerie know and it will be printed in the bulletin. Thank you for your consideration to provide flowers for Sunday worship!

Please be sure to sign **friendship registers** located at end of pews.

Reminder: the deadline for turning in announcements for the bulletin is Wednesday by 10 a.m.

If you feel drawn to kneel during the service, please feel free to lower the kneelers and use them.

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for serving coffee hour and the Community Kitchen. **Please help where you can.**

Contact information for Pastor Jane: phone number is 641-242-0337 and her email address is janeharris2010@gmail.com if anyone in our church family wanted to contact her.

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