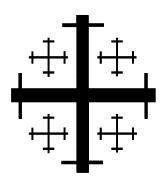
Pentecost XX

6 October, 2024 8 & 11 am



The Liturgy at Calvary



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?

Prelude: Glorificamus (from the Mulliner MS)
John Redford (1486-1547)

Please stand & face the Baptismal Font

P In the name of the Father, and of the ■ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Beloved children of God, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come now to make public confession.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

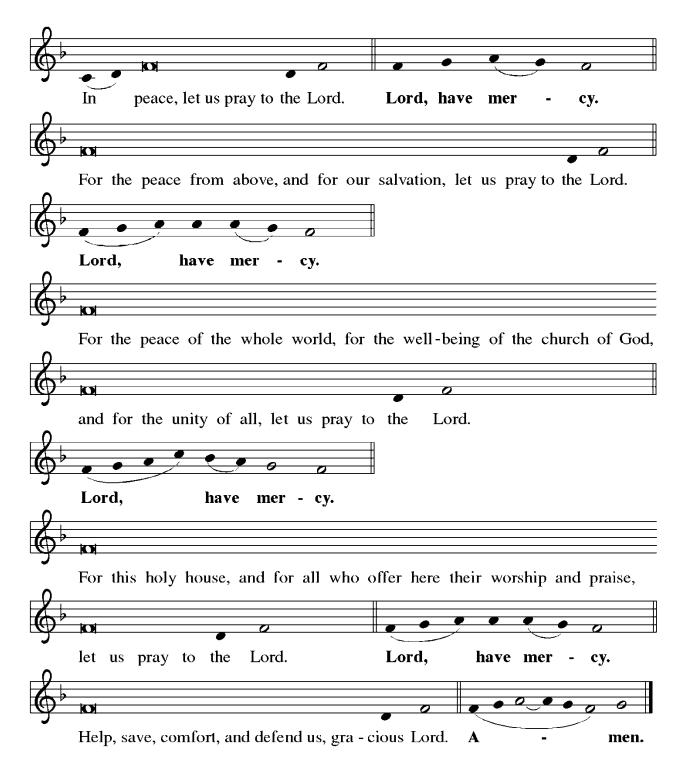
- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ▶ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C Amen.

God Is Here!

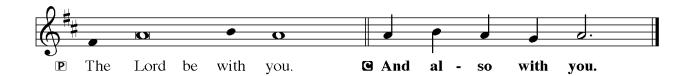


P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.







Let us pray... 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.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

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;

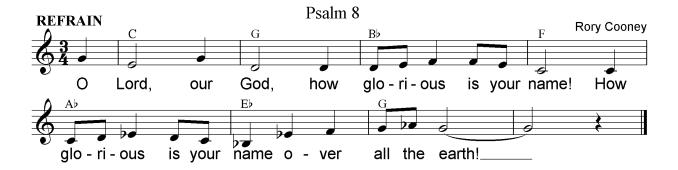
this one shall be called Woman,

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.



1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged. What are we that you keep us in mind? Our children that you remember them at all?

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2. Yet you have made us little less than gods, with glory and honor you crowned us. Gave us pow'r over the work of your hands, dominion over all that you have made.

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3. All sheep and oxen, all things that swim in the sea. Beasts without number, life without names, you have placed under our feet.

REFRAIN

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

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,

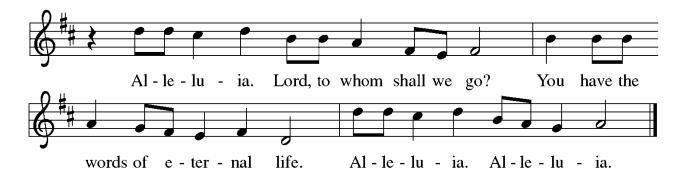
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of 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.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel



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



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.



Sermon Pr. Kyle

God's Work, Our Hands



Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text © 2019 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 1968 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized:

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 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

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

after each prayer petition

- A Lord in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer. concluding with
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord

Offertory: 8a Child of God – Sanctuary Choir Viktor Andersson Toni Tharp, Christy Gibson, flute Child of God feel the gift of Grace poured out on you Sacrament, Sign divine, Water of Life Bless each child, fill their heart with Love's pure ecstasy Wash away all sin. Gift of new birth.

Each step along the way, Jesus is there to say, "Come, precious child of mine, I'll show the Way."

See what love fills this place, what joy beyond compare! Death destroyed Hope reclaimed! Life evermore Celebrate their new place in God's all loving arms. Dearest child, Born anew, we welcome you.

Each step along the way, Jesus is there to say, "Come precious child of mine, I'll show the Way."

Holy Cross, Sign divine of Christ's great sacrifice,
On your brow Seal we now, Your life in Christ.
Through this act, we proclaim Christ's vict'ry over death
Heav'nly gift, Love's pure bliss, Life is reclaimed:
Each step along the way, Jesus is there to say,

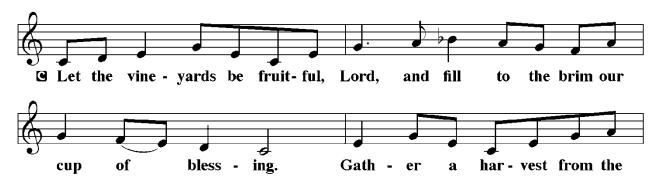
"Come precious child of mine, I'll show the Way."

11a Christ Be Our Light

Tune: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957 Setting, Nancy Raabe, c. 2013

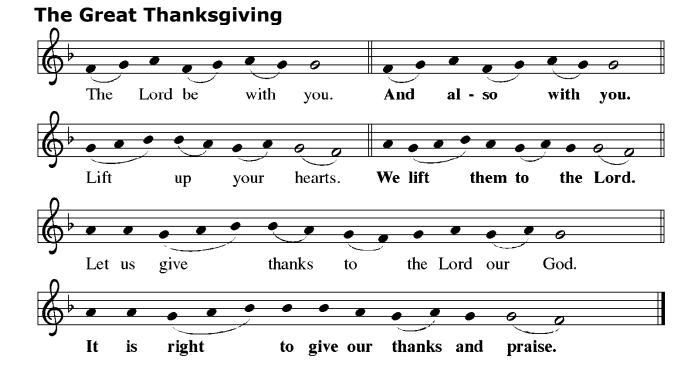


Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing,



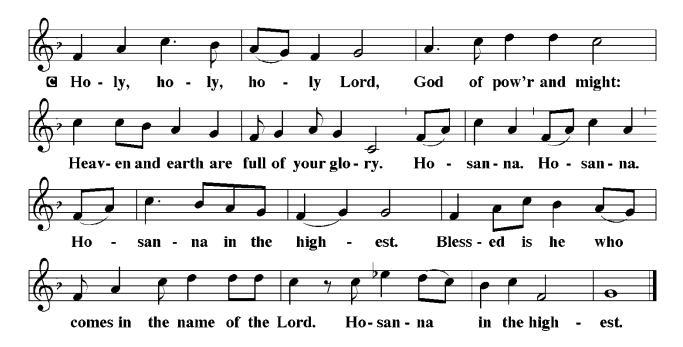


- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our lord. Amen



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 ...

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:

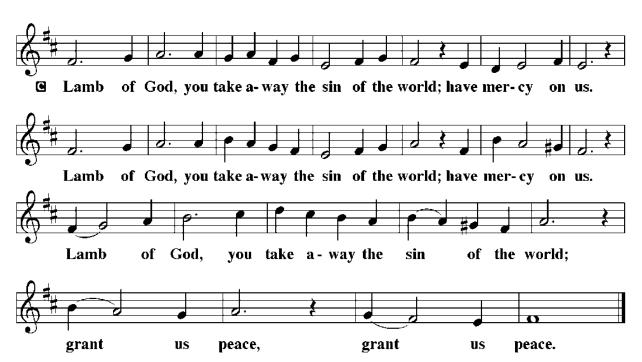


Eucharistic Prayer



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- 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

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.





In-Person:

All are welcome to commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home:

If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion.

Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Loving Spirit

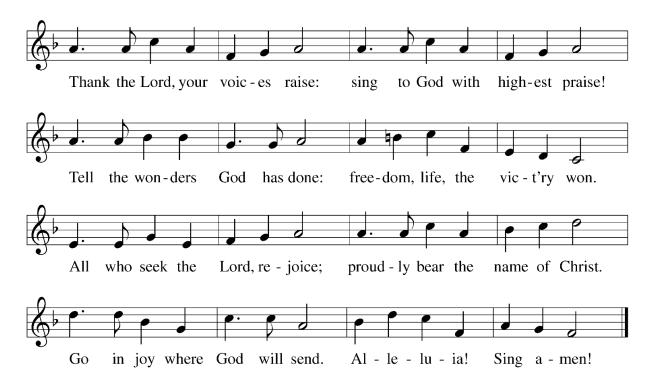


you have drawn me to your won-der, you have set your sign on with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone. hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high. your prom-ise is my com-fort, in your pres-ence Ι may rest. you have drawn me to your won-der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931 Music: BETH, Rusty Edwards, b. 1955 © 1993 Hope Publishing Arr. Viktor Andersson © Sept 10, 2020

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen



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Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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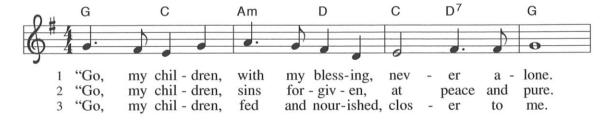
A Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen

C Amen

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude: JOY

J.S. Bach

Arr. By George Winston and David Qualey c. 1982

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	8:00 AM	11:00 AM
Lector	Christina Willis	Fred Ginapp
Assist. Minister	Mickey Nowell	Brent Falkenberg
Ushers & Greeters		Monica Neeley, Juan Grimaldo, Dale Abram & Eddie Wilkerson
Altar Guild	Carrie Egan	Cathy Rohloff

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Upcoming Commemorations

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536 Sunday, October 6, 2024

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Monday, October 7, 2024

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF) Thursday, October 10, 2024

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.