



21st Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023

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Our mission: to share our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Cwm Rhonda* John Hughes, arr. David Paxton
Welcome & Announcements
Handbell Prelude: *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* arr. Moore/Buckwalter

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Have mercy, O God, against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us new hearts and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.

L: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

Gathering Song: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW #533

1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;
Howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

L: 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.**

Hymn of Praise: Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (v. 1, 3, 4 only) ELW #864

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!
3. Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But, as mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the great Eternal One!
4. Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

L: Let us all pray... **C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 96:1-9

L: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

L: Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

C: Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

C: tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, let us miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the
Apostles' Creed. ACS p. 17

C: 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 the People (petitions end... "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God as an act of thankfulness and worship.
Following the command of Jesus, we care for people in our congregation, our community, and the world in his
name. One of the ways we do this is through our partnership with the Helping Hands food pantry. We
appreciate the faithfulness of our members in making regular contributions of your time, energy, prayers, and
money to this work! If you are worshipping with us as a guest on-line or in-person, we invite you to join us in
caring for God's people and God's world! As the music plays, please take a moment to reflect on God's
goodness, and consider what your gift of thanksgiving and worship might be.)

Offertory Music: *In Pastures Green*

John M. Rasley

Offering Response: We Plow the Fields and Scatter (v. 2 only)

ELW #681

2. You only are the maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.

The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
Much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Offertory Prayer: **C: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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 our God.

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

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

P: In the night in which he [...] Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught:
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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Be Known to Us

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Hymn during Communion: O Living Bread From Heaven

ELW # 542

1. O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!
2. My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
And here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;

- For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.
3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
 4. Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us,
and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into
your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.
Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our
neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and
mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW #729

1. The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

L: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Cwm Rhonda* John Hughes

arr. Paul Otto Manz

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for week of October 22:

- TODAY – Service of Thanksgiving and Holy Closure at First English Lutheran Church – 2 pm.
- GF Jazz Band rehearses 7-9 pm in the Social Hall – Wednesday
- Handbells rehearse at 5:40 pm on Thursday in the Sanctuary
- GF Community Band rehearses Thursday from 7-9 pm in the Fireside Room
- Small Catechism Refresher – 4 week adult study begins at 7 pm on Wed. 10/25 in the Library
- NEXT SUNDAY: Worship time changes to 10:00 am at New Hope for Reformation Sunday (10/29). You're invited to wear red.
- Next Sunday: Presentation of Bibles to children in grades 3-5.
- Next Sunday: Confirmation class for students (and parents) from 1-3 pm in the Fireside Room.
- Trunk-or-Treat will be from 5:30 – 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Keeping in Prayer... Jan, Helen, Linda, Carl & Harley, Marilyn, Angie, Ray, Ron, Dorothy, Noah, Elaine, Dorothy, Jerry, Toni, Steven, Megan, Walt & Sandy, Scott, Haley

Accompanist: James Rickley, organ

Reader: Dona Shehan

Communion Asst: Dona Shehan

Cantor: Jodie Tooley

Fellowship: Dona Shehan