

**October 20th, 2024** 



Welcome to all, especially visitors! <u>It is no accident that you are here!</u> We've been praying for you. We believe God has brought you here and wants to touch your life. You are among friends.

- If you are visiting, please sign in on our guest sign in sheet in the Narthex Hallway. For important information regarding our church, please refer to the info sheet in your pew.
- *At our 10:45 service:* words for the hymns are projected on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.
- *For the hearing impaired:* hearing devices are available in the Narthex outside the sanctuary.
- *Restrooms:* To locate a restroom, exit the back of the worship area. Take two rights and proceed down the hallway. At the stairs, go left. The Women's Room is on the left, the Men's Room is straight ahead.
- *Holy Communion at ELC:* We welcome to the Lord's Table all the baptized people of God. Gluten free options and grape juice are available.
- *Nursery:* We have a fully staffed nursery for infants through children six years of age or children of any age with special needs. The nursery opens at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning for our 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery is equipped with a pager system to help parents feel at ease.
- **Photo Release Form:** Our 10:45 service is live-streamed to our Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. All children coming to the front for the Children's Message or Holy Communion will be visible on the live-feed. If you do not want your child's image online, please do not send them up to the front. If you are ok with it, please fill out a Photo Release Form located on the sign-up table in the Narthex and put it in the offering box.

# \*Criminal Background Checks have been done for all of our Nursery & Children's Ministry Volunteers.

# October 20th, 2024 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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.

# **GATHERING**

# PRELUDE

# WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Please stand

# **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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

# GATHERING HYMNPraise the One Who Breaks the DarknessELW 843GREETING

**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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

# WORD

# FIRST READING

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>5</sup>But 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. <sup>6</sup>All 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. <sup>7</sup>He 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. <sup>8</sup>By 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. <sup>9</sup>They 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. <sup>10</sup>Yet 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. <sup>11</sup>Out 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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great

<sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

We will read the Psalm responsively.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, <sup>10</sup>no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling. <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- gainst a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion <sup>1</sup> cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent. <sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name. <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will <sup>|</sup> answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation.

#### THIRD READING

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

<sup>1</sup>Every 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. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So 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";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### Psalm 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>7</sup>In 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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

#### GOSPEL

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 10th Chapter. **C Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>35</sup>James 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." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But 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?" <sup>39</sup>They 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; <sup>40</sup>but 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."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So 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. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P The gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Donkey

#### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

After the children's message, the children are welcomed to be a part of the Children's Worship that takes place in our Sunday School Room #108. Children return from Children's Worship during the sharing of the peace.

SERMON

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

## THE APOSTLES 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

*Members of Our Congregation:* Don Cool, Mason Erwin, Sadie Garner, Karla Oller, Pam Wagaman, and Duke & Joann White.

Friends of the Congregation: Anna Batson, Annette Fillmore, Kathy Freese, Wayne Ford, Cullen Gaston, Jim Gleason, Naziha & Abraham Hanna, Paula Kline, Tyler Kreiter & Family, Dan Rovelstad, John Spagnoletti, Regina Spagnoletti, Susie Spagnoletti, Tony Stoops, William Swetcharnik, Dakota Thomas, Sherry Toomey, Renni Tressler, Joe Vance, Sue Vance, Mrs. Viscusi, and Sarah.

Please pray for our country during this election year and for the safety and protection of all candidates and all US voters. Please pray for all those in Florida affected by Hurricane Milton.

(Names will be posted for a month. If you would like to have them on longer, please contact the church office.)

## PEACE

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

#### C And also with you.

Please be seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Central America tr. Gerhard Cartford

Please stand

Celebration Choir

# MEAL

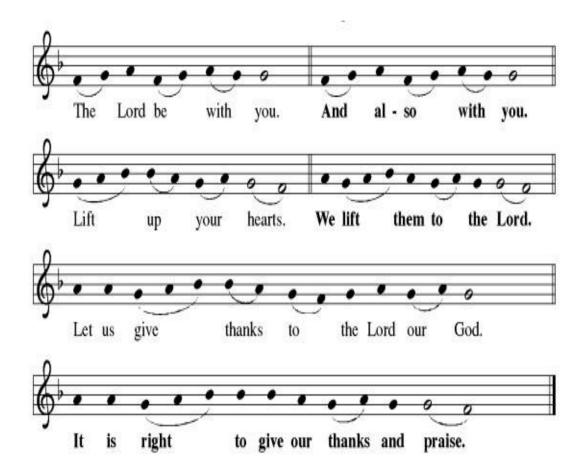
## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** 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.

Thank you for your continuous support of ELC ministries. Your generosity is making a difference. Please place your offering in one of the boxes at the entrance to the Sanctuary. You are a blessing!

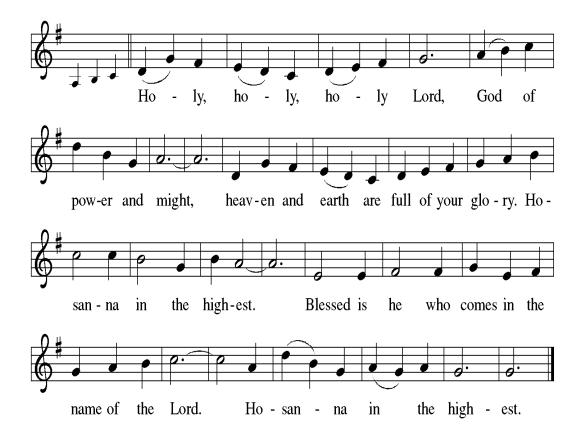
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE



#### 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** 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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

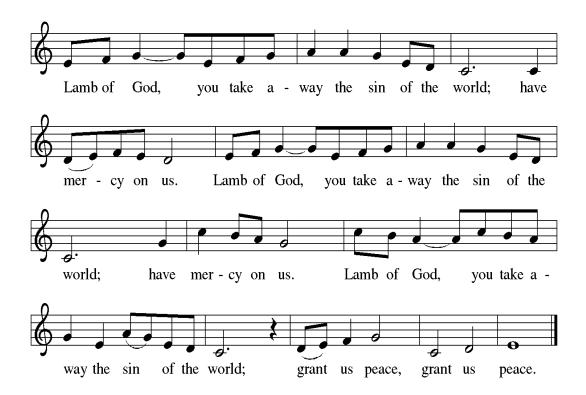
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come here is your God.

*Please be seated* 

#### **COMMUNION SONG**



#### Please stand

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

## C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** 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.

# **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN

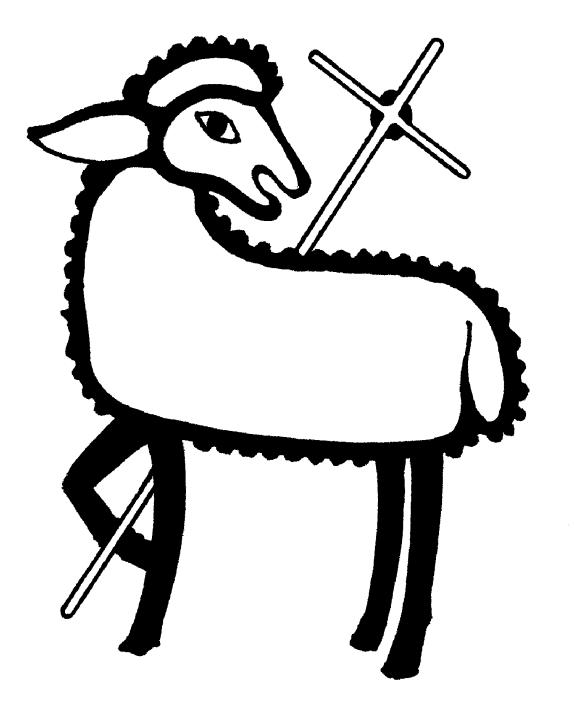
Your Grace is Enough

#### DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **C** Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

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In memory of our parents by Don & Mary Heefner.

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