

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Pentecost 21 October 13, 2024

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

GREETING

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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



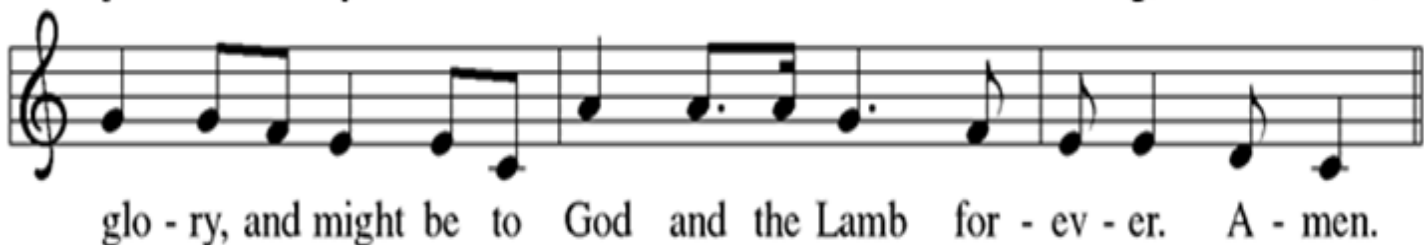
vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

(Refrain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.)

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C ¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants. *(Refrain)*

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C ¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. *(Refrain)*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and

went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Jeff Schmitt*

HYMN OF THE DAY *LBW 457* *“Jesus, Priceless
Treasure”*

APOSTLE’S CREED

C **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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely (*We pray especially for Lavella Breitweiser, Courtney Hagedorn-Drew, Keith Freyberger, Kenny Freyberger, Leroy Freyberger, Lynn Fuhs, Lucy Mae Gruebel, Harold Hembree, Tammy Kieffner, Shelby Klein, Zach Leinenbach, Judy Lorey, Eryn Mann, Zander Mann, Gene Mehne, Logan Musgrave, Bryar Rahman, Steve Rothgerber, Libby Rudolph, Annette Schepers, Donnie Schwenk, Kaine Seitz, Martha Jane Tucker, Annie Voelkel, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.*) Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. (*We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel and Cooper Uebelhor.*)
Merciful God,
C hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

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 hear our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Verse 1 only)*

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

C We thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us. As we offer these gifts, we ask for Your continued favor. Bless these offerings and multiply their impact. May they bring comfort to the weary, hope to the hopeless, and joy to the sorrowful. Let our giving be a reflection of Your love and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *LBW 503* *“O Jesus, I Have
Promised”*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Geoff & Shirley Stallwood
Comm. Asst: John Potts
Video: Jeff Schmitt
Pianist: Arlene Vonderheide
Lay Reader: Duane Hembree
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Caroline Kellar

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 141 SS: 10

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Oct. 13th – Oct. 20th, 2024**

Sun. Oct. 13th 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
(No Communion)

Tues. Oct 15th 6:00 PM Council Meeting

Wed. Oct. 16th 6:30 PM Handbell Practice

Sun. Oct. 20th 9:00 AM Sunday Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCA BOOK SIGN-UPS

There are sign-up sheets on the welcome center desk for committees for the 2025 year. Committees include flower, visiting, birthday cakes for members 85 and older, and refreshments for our monthly meetings. Please review the list and faithfully consider one of these projects.

The Women of the ELCA would like to thank the congregation and Thrivent Financial for the support of all our projects throughout the year.

With your support and financial support from Thrivent, we will be able to donate the following items to Lutheran World Relief: 175 Blankets, 49 Personal Care Kits, and 83 School Kits.

Another project overseen by WELCA are the Christmas Shoe Boxes. In November 2023, 56 shoe boxes were filled for children of all ages.

WELCA has donated 145 homemade baby quilts since January. Recipients of the blankets are Memorial Hospital, Memorial Health Family Care, Crisis Connection, Tri Cap, and Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center, all located in Jasper. Baby quilts are also donated to Kosairs Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY. Babies and children who are members at St. Paul's also get a quilt when they are baptized.

Again, thank you all for supporting the many projects the Women of the ELCA oversee.

Operation Christmas Child Project!
Bless the children!

The Women of the ELCA will have the Shoeboxes available inside the Fellowship Hall. Please stop and pick one up or if you prefer, you can fill one of your own empty cardboard shoeboxes. Brochures are

available with the boxes that give an explanation of how and what to do. The filled boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 17, so that we can deliver to our drop off point that week. If you are not a shopper but still want to Bless a child with a box, there will be a donation box available to make a monetary donation. We will shop for you!

Or, you can build a shoebox online by sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home. Visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to get started.

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If you have a college student, please turn in their address to the office, so evangelism can send them a care package.

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The LYO will be going to the Owensboro Bulls & Ghouls PBR Bull Riding Event on Saturday, October 26th. The show starts at 8:00 PM ET. We will eat dinner prior to the event. Details on what time to meet will be forthcoming. We need to order tickets ahead of time so please text Tara Betz (812-827-1263) by Sunday, October 13th if you plan to go.

In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser
AM-1 Luke Himself
Cooper Uebelhor

Redzikowo, Poland
USS Theodore Roosevelt
Colorado Springs, CO
