



10th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday August 6, 2023

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

2725 Concord Drive

Florissant, MO 63033

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

Welcome! If you came as a guest today, we hope you leave as a friend. May this worship service surround you with the love of God through Christ and fills you with the Holy Spirit.

Invitation to Communion: We welcome all to commune at LCLC. It is not our table, nor this congregation's table, nor our denomination's table. It is the table of Jesus Christ. By his invitation there is a place for everyone. We believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine that forgives sin, nourishes faith, and calls us to be witnesses to the gospel.

Notes about our worship service: You may also follow along with the service by looking at the screen in the front of the sanctuary. Guidance is printed in italics throughout. "P" indicates the speaking part of the presiding minister; "L" indicates a speaking part of a lay leader; "C" and parts in boldface indicate speaking parts of the whole congregation. We use ELW **Setting 3** for liturgical music. Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch. Ask before giving a handshake or hug.

PRELUDE

Communion Song
A Prayer for Renewal

Marc Jordan
Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

GATHERING HYMN

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW#479

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and almighty God, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you bring us into your reign of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Alas, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

L: ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: ⁹LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

L: ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C: ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

L: ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C: ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

L: ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C: ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.

L: ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

C: ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter (selected verses 13-21)

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Following the reading the assembly is seated.

SERMON Pastor Matt Helfrich

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

ELW #515

PROFESSION OF FAITH – *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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all people to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You cherish your creation, from the smallest particle to the largest mountain. Protect ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish, and inspire us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instill Your desire for peace and justice in the world within all political leaders, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the grieving, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for ministries who feed others and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Stir us by your Spirit to be your hands and feet in this world through service and dedication. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share God's peace in whatever way you and/or neighbors are comfortable.

Following the sharing of the peace the assembly is seated.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERING AND PRAYER

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

COMMUNION LITURGY

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. Hosanna in the highest!

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

P: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

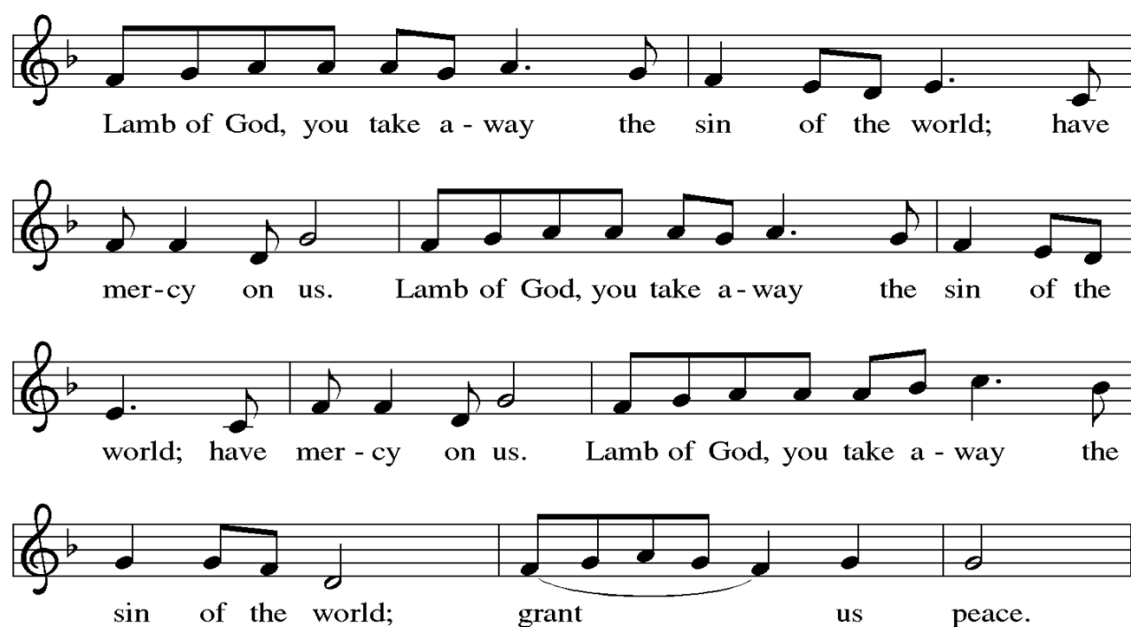
P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine. Additional verbal directions will be given.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW#491

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in God's grace unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

L: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our
dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**(ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please see announcements at the end of this bulletin.)*

BENEDICTION

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the most gentle voice ✝ bless, keep,
and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Alleluia! Amen!

SENDING HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

ELW#689

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the harvest. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

“Minuet in G”

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Car Show** - We are asking for volunteers to help with the **Car Show on September 9 10am-4pm**. Please contact Cathie Lehr or Karen Haynes.
2. **Stewardship** - Please turn in your pledge sheets by **TODAY August 6**. If you need another one there are more on the table in the hallway. Please return them to Cynthia or Jeanne Calderwood or put the offering plate.
3. **Back to School GiveAway...** God's Helping Hand, Antioch Baptist Church, St. Phillips Lutheran Church, Restorative Justice, and St. James AME Church are working together to help children going back to school and also reach out to the surrounding community with a clothing GiveAway, all on **Saturday, August 19th**. This GiveAway will have food and activities for the kids! They anticipate help with Back Packs, School Supplies, and clothing (including school uniforms).
We are also asking for money donations...then representatives will do the shopping...Easy Peasy! As Janis reminds us...what's needed most are your **PRAYERS!!!**
Questions? See or call **Bob Fayman (314) 707-7550**.
4. **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** following worship August 20th
5. **The August Lunch Bunch** will meet on Thursday, August 10, at 11:30am at the Olive Garden at 3552 Pennridge Dr. in Bridgeton 63044. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-838-3741 or jameyer46@charter.net. All are welcome.
6. **OUTREACH** Today, Living Christ welcomes Janel Uelk from Lydia's House. Lydia's Houses' mission is to provide domestic violence survivors and their children a safe place to heal, a voice for justice, and an opportunity for better and sustainable lives. Janel will give a

presentation and discussion during the Adult Education time. Join us to learn more about Lydia's House, their mission and ministry.

7. **Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study** is canceled for the month of August. We will resume in September.

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Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett

Lector: Gary Brown

Zoom Slides: Erle Craig

Musician: Greg Ott

Ushers: Gloria Broderick & Cathie Lehr

Greeter: Kathy Endorg

Altar Guild: Cathie Lehr & Joyce Meyer

August 13, 2023

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Randy Henning

Lector: Laurie Brown

Zoom Slides: Gary & Laurie Brown

Musician: Greg Ott

Ushers: Jann & Glenn Mueller

Greeter: Joyce Meyer

Altar Guild: Karen Haynes & Sheila Smart