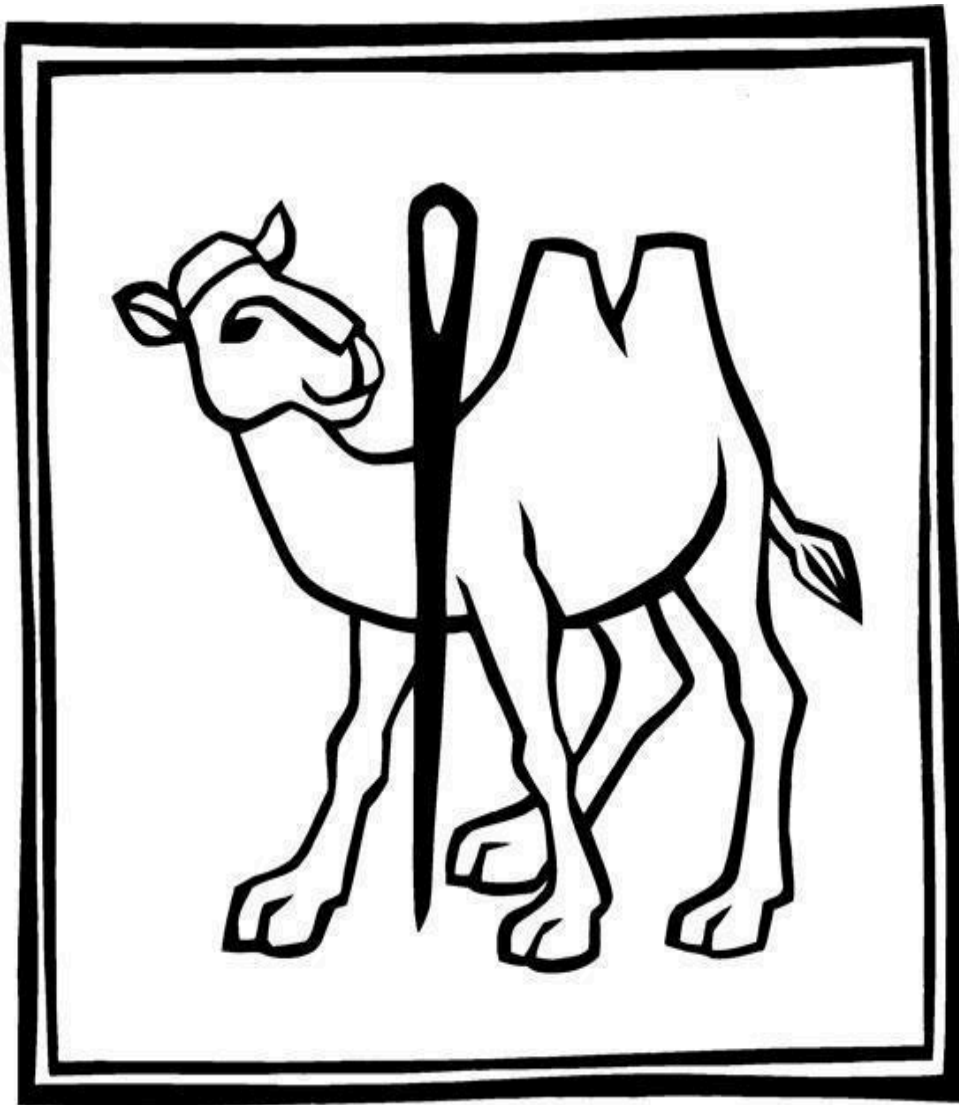


21st Sunday after Pentecost



Sunday, October 13, 2024
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ
2725 Concord Drive
Florissant, MO 63033

Introduction: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

“Largo”

G.S. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Details are on the slides and at the end of bulletin*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

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.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, We that Love the Lord ”

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GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

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.

Amen.

TEMPLE TALK

Sarah Helfrich

“Talent”

CHOIR ANTHEM

Quiet Understanding

Please be seated.

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.

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

PSALM 90:12-17

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

C: Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

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

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

L: Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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.

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

GOSPEL READING - *Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the gospel.*

P: The holy Gospel according to **Mark, the 10th chapter (verses 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Following the reading the assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Matt

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS - see enclosed

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW#685

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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Compassionate God, inspire the church to seek the lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend the broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,
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,
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,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for the afflicted, grieving, oppressed, and lonely *especially...* Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land (*local Indigenous tribes or settlements may be named*). We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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,
hear our prayer.

God, creator of generations, you have worked through families to bring faith, hope, and love since creation. Continue to nurture, guide, and inspire our family of faith, especially our brothers and sisters in the A. Bennet, D. Kavanaugh, M. Wiley families. Guide, protect, and build these families up in faith. God of grace,
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.

Amen.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Together our members and the Girl Scouts shared their TALENTS in the creation of quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. **Nice job ladies!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Share God's peace in whatever way you are comfortable. Following this please be seated.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

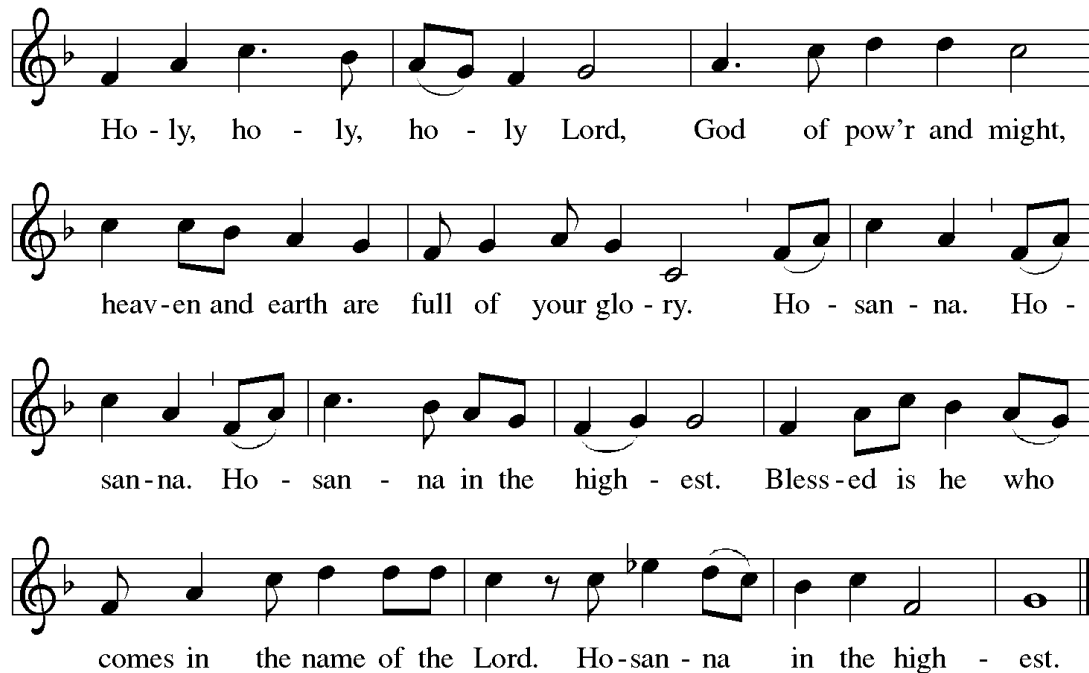
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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. C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us 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: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C: Amen.**

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 *Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW#479

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER

L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.** (Num. 6:24)

SENDING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

ELW#678

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in S Major”

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at LCLC

- Sunday (10-13) 8:00 AM Vocal Choir
9:15 AM Worship
10:30 AM Adult Ed
11:00 AM True Vine
- Monday (10-14) 6:00 PM Congregational Vitality Team Meeting - ZOOM
7:00 PM Council Meeting - ZOOM
- Tuesday (10-15) NO Bible Study - Pr. Matt will be @ Theological convo Oct. 15-17.
11:00 AM Exercise Class
- Thursday (10-17) 11:00 AM Exercise Class
- Friday (10-18) 10:00 AM Harland Zell Visitation
11:00 AM Harland Zell Funeral
3:00 PM Bells
- Saturday (10-19) Baby Shower-Wallace (UL)

- 1. QUILT BLESSING!** Today we welcome Girl Scouts Troop 994 who helped Living Christ create and tie quilts (21-28 count) for Lutheran World Relief. Today the Quilts will be blessed during the church service. The Quilts will be taken on Saturday, October 19th to the LWR ingathering at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in St. Ann MO. From there the quilts will travel to either St. Paul, MN or New Windsor, MD, where the quilts will be distributed around the world where they are needed. Thank you to everyone who donated fabric, sewing machines, irons, batting, people who cut out blocks, who sewed blocks together, who tied the quilts, who sewed the bindings, who ironed patches, who ironed quilt backs and tops and who prayed for all involved. What a "wonderful team effort" this project has been and will continue for the next year!!
- 2. Pastor Matt** will be at the CSS Theological Convocation from October 15-17 in Olathe, KS.
- 3. FIFTY PLUS OKTOBERFEST!** Wednesday, **October 16** at 10:30 AM on the lower level. Fun time with trivia, games, and a German style meal of brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, desserts, beer, soda, and pretzels. Cost is \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members, sign up on the bulletin board, and pay at event. Everyone is welcome!
- 4. FALL CRAFT SALE - Sunday, October 20**, before and after church. What is your special talent? Sewing? Quilting? Knitting? Crocheting? Embroidery? Tied throws? Wood working? Baking? Canning? Donations of items will be sold with funds raised going towards paying church expenses. Please price your own items. A Sign-Up Sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to Jeanne Calderwood, 314-307-4391.
- 5. Council woman Shalonda Webb** will be here for a Wedgewood Meeting on Thursday, October 24 starting @ 6:30pm in the Upper Level.
- 6. CANDY NEEDED** - Please help by donating large quantities of **single wrapped** candy for Trunk 'r Treat on October 26. Place donations in the bucket under the table in the back of the great room.
- 7. TIME AND TALENT SHEETS** available on the hallway table. Please fill one out and return it by Oct. 27.
- 8. ZION LUTHERAN** will be here on **November 10** to worship with us.

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Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Angela Bennett
Live Streaming: Gary & Laurie Brown
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Jann & Glenn Mueller
Greeter: Gloria Broderick
Altar Guild: Joyce Wolf & Ann Schultz

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