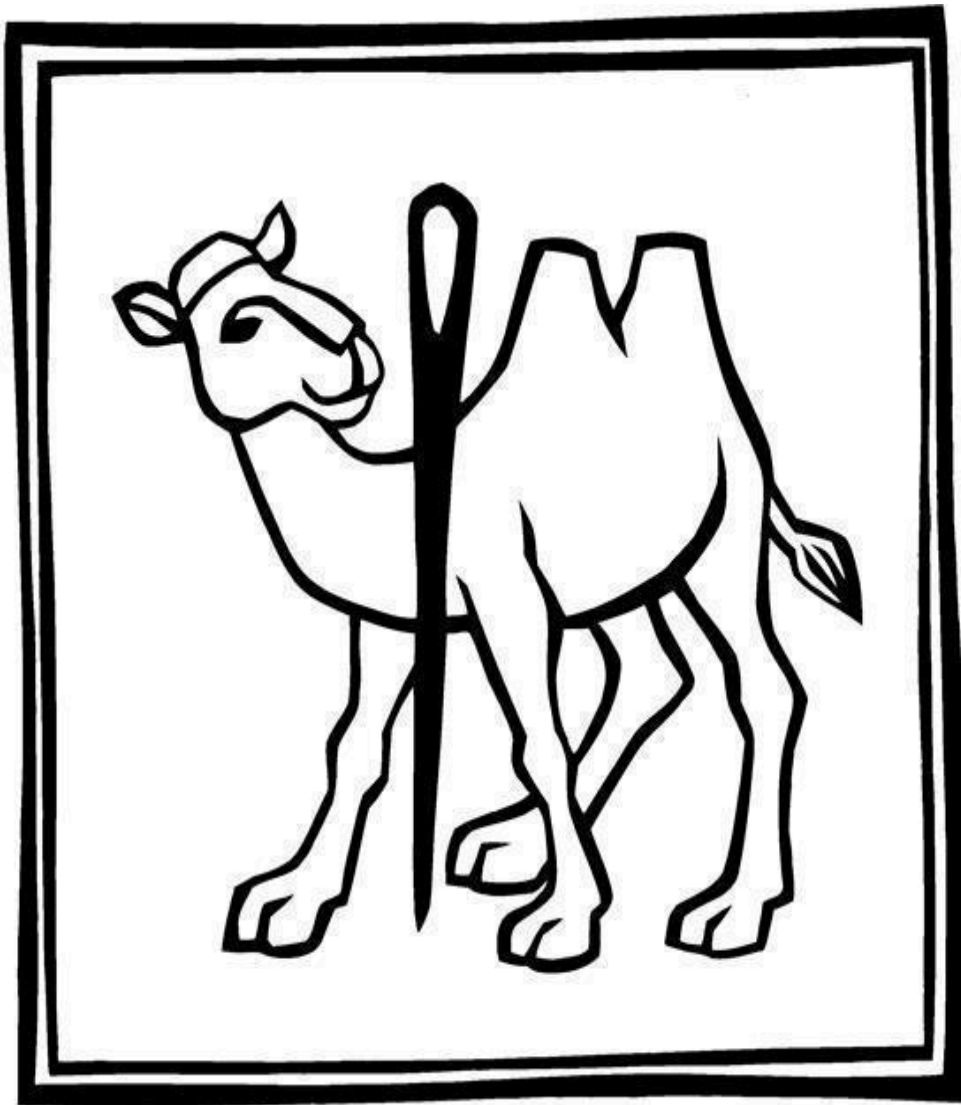


## 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

2725 Concord Drive

Florissant, MO 63033

**Introduction:** 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.

## PRELUDE

“Two Spirituals”

arr Eugene Butler

## 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

“Many and Great, O God ”

ELW#837

### 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

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.

**Amen.**

### BELLS "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

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

### **Psalm 91:9-16**

L: Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

C: **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

L: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C: **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

L: You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: **I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

L: They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

### **SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-10**

<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.”

<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: 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 35-45)**

**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.**

*Following the reading the assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**                    Pastor Matt

**HYMN OF THE DAY**                    “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”                    ELW#789

**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**

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

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons (*local leaders may be named*) with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians (*local clergy or seminarians may be named*) to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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** - Thank you to David, Greg, and members of the Chancel Choir for sharing your musical **Talent**. Your selections enhance our Sunday services in an important way.

**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.**

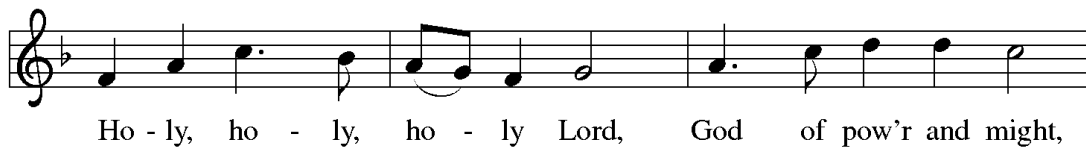
P: Lift up your hearts.

**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



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

“On Eagle’s Wings”

ELW#787

### 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

"O Christ, Our Hope"

ELW#604

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

"O God of Love, O god of Peace"

arr. David Lasky

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week at LCLC - Today - Craft & Bake Sale - *before & after church***

Sunday (10-20) 8:00 AM Vocal Choir

9:15 AM Worship

10:30 AM Adult Ed

Tuesday (10-22) 10:00 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Exercise Class

3:00 PM Strategy Meeting

Thursday (10-24) 11:00 AM Exercise Class

6:30 PM Wedgewood Meeting

Friday (10-25) 11:00 AM Bells

Saturday (10-26) 9:00 AM Girl Scouts

3:00 PM Trunk or Treat

- LIVE STREAMING** – Due to technical limitations, we are now streaming on YouTube Live. To participate in the live stream, there are links on [lc-livingchrist.org](http://lc-livingchrist.org), [www.facebook.com/LCLivingChrist](https://www.facebook.com/LCLivingChrist) (click on the blue "To Link" button), [youtube.com/@LC-LivingChristWorship/streams](https://youtube.com/@LC-LivingChristWorship/streams), or search @LC-LivingChristWorship on the YouTube app. This can work with any Smart Device, tablet, computer, and more!
- FALL CRAFT/BAKE SALE** is **today** before and after church.
- COUNCIL WOMAN SHALONDA WEBB** will be here for a Wedgewood Meeting on Thursday, October 24 starting @ 6:30pm in the Upper Level.
- CANDY NEEDED** – PLEASE HELP by donating **single wrapped** candy for Trunk 'r Treat on October 26 @ 3:00pm. Place donations in the bucket under the table in the the great room.
- TIME AND TALENT SHEETS** available on the hallway table. Please fill one out and return it by **Oct. 27**.
- REFORMATION WORSHIP** - Shepherd of the Hills, 4161 Cypress Rd. 63074 , **Oct 30@ 7pm** (see flyer)
- ZION LUTHERAN** will be here on **November 10** to worship with us.
- REFORMATION SUNDAY** October 27 Please wear **RED**
- CELEBRATING LIFE, All Saints Day**, Dia de los Muertos During the 10:30 Adult Education Hour on **November 3rd** we will learn about the Mexican celebration that acknowledges deceased loved ones, similar to All Saints Day celebrations. We are asking members to bring a photo of a deceased loved one, share a story about the person and food the family member/friend enjoyed eating or making. Feel free to bring a sample of the food to share.

### October 20, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Bill Kaepfel

Lector: Randy Henning

Live Streaming: Rod Wallace

Musician: Greg Ott

Ushers: Glenn Albers & Ann Schultz

Greeter: Levaughn & Sheila Smart

Altar Guild: Doris Stoechner, Bill Kaepfel & Marilyn Wiley

### October 27, 2024

Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt

Assisting Minister: Randy Henning

Lector: Bill Kaepfel

Live Streaming: Erle Craig

Musician: David Eggers

Ushers: Levaughn & Sheila Smart

Greeter: Jim Stoechner

Altar Guild: Maureen Buchek & Marjorie Becker