

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

October 14, 2018

10:30 am

LWML SUNDAY/TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



LWML Sunday 2018



Hold Fast, for You Share in Christ!

AS WE GATHER

Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gracious God serves us through Word and Sacrament, so that we may hold fast to Him—even as He holds us in His care! Today’s service will help us to treasure all that we’ve been given in our Savior, who is fully present among us by His Word and Spirit. Hold fast, for you share in Christ!

GATHERING SONGS

LET IT RISE

Davis

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
Let the glory of the Lord rise among us;
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us;
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
O, let it rise. O, let it rise.

✘ PREPARATION ✘

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING SONG ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN! Maher

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
To be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, But thank God, it's all you need.

**CHORUS: And all the people said, "amen." Whoa.
And all the people said, "amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "amen."**

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all. **CHORUS**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God. **CHORUS**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us
join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

Pastor: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:
People: **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your
commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do,
we have sinned against You and against one another in thought,
word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear
Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that
we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with**

confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

(Seek the Lord that you may live.)

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 3:12–19

(We have come to share in Christ.)

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first. As has just been said:

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who

sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17–22

(Jesus responds to a man seeking to inherit eternal life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. You know the commandments: `Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christa Kirschner

SONG OF THE DAY

THE WAY (NEW HORIZON)

Smith/Bashta/Barrett

Through every battle Through every heartbreak Through every circumstance
I believe That You are my fortress Oh, You are my portion
You are my hiding place, oh I believe You are

**CHORUS: The way, the truth, the life I believe You are The way, the truth,
the life I believe (You are)**

Through every blessing Through every promise Through every breath I take
I believe That You are Provider You are Protector
You are the One I love, I believe you are **CHORUS**

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You

And You meet me here today with mercies that are new

All my fears and doubts, they can all come too

Because they can't stay long when I believe (You are) **CHORUS**

SERMON

“Ugly and Beautiful”

Pastor John Larson
Text: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

APOSTLES' CREED

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

THE LWML PLEDGE

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

People: **In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;**

Pastor: God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 76 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

People: **and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.**

Pastor: That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

People: **We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,**

Pastor: We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

People: **to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."



OFFERING SONG YOU ARE HOLY

MEN You are holy.
MEN You are mighty.
MEN You are worthy.
MEN Worthy of praise.
MEN I will follow.
MEN I will listen.
MEN I will love You.
MEN All of my days.

WOMEN You are holy.
WOMEN You are mighty.
WOMEN You are worthy.
WOMEN Worthy of praise.
WOMEN I will follow.
WOMEN I will listen.
WOMEN I will love You.
WOMEN All of my days.

MEN You are Lord of lords,
 You are King of kings,
 You are mighty God,
 Lord of ev'rything.
MEN You're Emmanuel,
 You're the Great I AM,
 You're the Prince of Peace,
 who is the Lamb.
MEN You're the Living God,
 You're my saving grace.
 You will reign forever;
 You are Ancient of Days.
MEN You are Alpha Omega,
 Beginning and End.
 You're my Savior, Messiah,
 Redeemer and Friend.
MEN You're my Prince of Peace
 and I will live my life for You.

WOMEN I will sing to
 and worship
 The King
 who is worthy.
WOMEN And I will love
 and adore Him
 and I will
 Bow Down before Him
WOMEN And I will sing to
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 And adore Him
 And I will
 Bow down before him
WOMEN You're my Prince of Peace
 And I will live my life for You.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

Communing TOGETHER



✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Text found in the back of the Hymnal. (Matthew 6:9–13)*

The
LORD'S
Prayer

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LSB 712

IN CHRIST ALONE

Townend—Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh. Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death. This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART/HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Baloche/Dykes

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You Open the eyes of my heart Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You

Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You
Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You
I want to see You

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty God in three persons Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty All Thy works shall Praise
Thy name In earth and sky and sea Holy holy holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity

The body & the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ



*strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.*

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Psalm 90:14*

Pastor: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

People: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG FOREVER REIGN

Morgan—Ingram

You are good, You are good, when there's nothing good in me.

You are love, You are love, on display for all to see.

You are light, You are light, when the darkness closes in.

You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin.

You are peace, You are peace, when my fear is crippling.

You are true, You are true, even in my wandering.

You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing.

You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.

CHORUS: Oh, I'm running to your arms, I'm running to your arms.

The riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

You are more, You are more, than my words will ever say.

You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim.

You are here, you are here, in Your presence I'm made whole.

You are God, You are God; Of all else I'm letting go. **CHORUS**

I'm running to your arms, I'm running to your arms.

The riches of Your love will always be enough.

Nothing compares to Your embrace. Light of the world, forever reign.

My heart will sing, no other Name, Jesus, Jesus.

My heart will sing, no other Name, Jesus, Jesus. **CHORUS**

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS



Serve

THE LIVING GOD!

HEBREWS 9:14, NIV

Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
AGAPE PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Rose Berger, Bri Fort, Lisa O'Neal, Ken
Price, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Michael Lawrenz
Roger Gaide

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Joyce Dowdy
Jude Donovan

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Chrissy Coon
Holly Schmitt

USHERS 8:00

Ladies of the Congregation, Ann
Ranisate

10:30

Ladies of the Congregation, Espen
Erling, Hannah Schmitt

SERVER 10:30

Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD

Shelia Beu, Joyce Dowdy, Charmaine
Rohde

FLOWERS

Pat & Kathie Harvey, in celebration of
their 36th anniversary (10/16); and
Brandon & Justine Jankowski in
celebration of John Rolling's birthday
(10/18).

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