

FOR THE **SON OF MAN**
CAME NOT TO BE SERVED
BUT TO SERVE,
AND TO GIVE HIS

Life a Ransom

FOR MANY.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 20, 2024

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sanctuary Worship 10:30 a.m. Live streamed to Facebook

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October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Worship! 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.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the celebration of Holy Communion as he is God with us. Christians of all denominations are encouraged to come to the Lord's table. We commune children of any age who have received communion instruction at St. John or another Christian church. Children who have not yet received communion instruction will receive a blessing. Both red wine and white grape juice are offered to accommodate various traditions. Gluten free wafers are provided for those with dietary restrictions. Please make the pastor aware of your need.

We thank Linda Stauffer for sharing her gift of music today. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest register after worship. Plan to worship with us again next Sunday.

Bell

Welcome and announcements

Prelude *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"* F.J. Haydn Public Domain

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand if you are able

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.

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

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you
Refrain
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from Isaiah.

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰Yet 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.

¹¹Out 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16 (Read responsively)

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from Hebrews.

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So 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”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

“Awesome God”

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature. The lyrics are: "Our God is an awe - some God, he reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom, pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!" The chords are: Em, C, G/B, G, D, Em, D/E, Em, C, G/B, G, Am, Em/B, Bm7, Em, Am, Em/B, Bm7, Em.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James 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.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But 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?"³⁹ 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;⁴⁰ 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."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Youth Time

Sermon

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

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1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;

to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Prayers of the people:

Response: God of Grace,

Hear our prayer.

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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" W. Shrubsole Public Domain

Please stand if you are able

Offertory

"As the Grains of Wheat"

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

Thanksgiving at the Table

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.


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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated

Communion Song



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, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn*“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

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Refrain

Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain*

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

Refrain

3 These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

*Refrain***Distribution Hymn***“On Eagle’s Wings”*

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1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Please stand if you are able***Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
His care.

Amen

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Sending Hymn

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW 818

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt. Music: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

1 O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broad'ning way,
in peace that only you can give;
with you, O Master, let me live.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

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2024: The Year of Rest Memory Verse

"So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God" Hebrews 4:9

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Paula Hoffman Laws in loving memory of Ron, who brought such light into my life.

Council asks the congregation to continue to pray that during this upcoming election season, we all remember to listen with humble hearts to those with whom we disagree. We pray that our leaders do the same, in order that we all may concentrate less on getting our way and more on loving our neighbors.

New Member Sunday: Today our St. John's church family is blessed to receive Brandon Alt as a new brother in faith into our fellowship. We welcome Brandon. Please take a moment to meet and welcome him.

Communion Clean-up today: Elizabeth Libben

Oct. 27 – Set-up – Toni Nossaman Cleanup - Jim Kluding

Thank you for your willingness to help with this important ministry. If you would like to help, please see Toni Nossaman, Joleen Dillender or Sandy Thompson.

Remember to wear your red on Reformation Sunday, October 27th!

Supper Club: Make your reservation for Supper Club fellowship. Supper Club will meet this **Thursday, October 24th** at 6:00 pm at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Sandusky. Sign-up sheet is at the back of the sanctuary.

Healing of the nations: Every month when we ask the council how to pray, we find that there are so many people hurting locally and around the world. The election season makes this even more evident. On **November 10th**, we will include a healing of the nations to our Sunday morning service. We will light candles and pray for people nearby and around the world. We hope you will join us for this special service. If you would like to be one of the four readers, please let Pastor Stacy know. Thanks!

November 10th at 9:30 will be Sunday School for **ALL youth**. We will learn about Holy Communion, taste the bread, tell stories, and go a little deeper into our understanding of this sacrament.

November 17th will be the first play practice for the Christmas program, which will be on December 15th in the barn. Please let Pastor Stacy know if your child/neighbor/grandchild/family member of any kind would like a role!

Zion Lutheran Advent-Christmas Trivia Contest: Would you like to be part of a team to compete in a trivia contest and help support Hopewood Lutheran Outdoor Ministries this summer? Zion Lutheran invites us to their Advent-Christmas Trivia contest on Wednesday, November 20th (light dinner at 5:30 with contest to begin at 6 p.m.) It will be held at Zion Lutheran, Huron. There will be 9 rounds of Christmas Trivia. Subjects will be Christmas carols, traditional and contemporary Christmas music, worldwide Christmas traditions, Holiday foods, Christmas folklore, colors and decorations of Advent, Christmas movies and Holiday TV specials. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Teams can be made up of 4-8 people. If you are interested in being part of a St. John's team or 2 teams, see the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

Happy Birthday to Nathan Samsa, Pat Babiuch, Lynn Schlessman and Thomas Dawson.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 20TH THRU NOVEMBER 3RD

Sunday, October 20	9:15 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Worship
Tuesday, October 22	11:00 am	Making Sense of Martin Luther Study
Thursday, October 24	6:00 pm	Supper Club at Longhorn Steakhouse
Sunday, October 27	9:15 am 10:30 am	Study with Lynn Reformation Worship Wear red!

Tuesday, October 29	11:00 am	Making Sense of Martin Luther Study
Sunday, November 3	9:15 am	Study with Lynn
	10:30 am	All Saints Sunday

Weekly Verse:and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. - Matt 28:20

Oct. 20 – Meditate or sit in silence for 5 minutes.

21 – Smell something delightful.

22 – Call or write someone who lives far away.

23 – Listen to a song from a different culture.

24 – Carve or decorate a pumpkin.

25 – Travel to a place that is new to you.

26 – Enjoy a sunrise or sunset.

Support hurricane relief: Give to Lutheran Disaster Response

Hurricane Milton hit Florida as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, bringing storm surge, heavy rains, winds and tornadoes. This storm is particularly devastating because many communities are only beginning to recover from Hurricane Helene. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to these disasters and others, whenever and wherever they strike. Give now.

Faith in Action: Our Call to Civic Engagement During the 2024 Election

God calls us to care for our neighbors and actively shape a just and compassionate society. Civic engagement, including voting and public service, is a meaningful way we live out our faith in the public sphere. The ELCA encourages everyone to engage in the political process with integrity, advocating for justice, peace and the common good. Browse resources, watch videos and learn how to get involved at [ELCA.org/CivicEngagement](https://www.elca.org/CivicEngagement).