

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

10:15 am

Prelude

Welcome

This morning we hear from Isaiah 53, the words of the prophet who describes for us the role of the Suffering Servant. It is inter-woven with our Gospel Lesson from Mark, which is the third time Jesus shares with his disciples, of his suffering, his death and his resurrection. Together, these two readings raise the question, "Who is this Jesus, whose ministry was his healings and his teachings, but now moves to suffering, dying and rising"?

Announcements

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: ELW #524 "What is this Place"

- 1. What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here and that our God is near.**
- 2. Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed, names for our God, dreams, signs and wonders sent from the past are all we need. We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.**
- 3. And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a life-giving sign. Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine. This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace.**

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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.

Readings and Psalm

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

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.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken struck down by God, and afflicted. 5 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. 6 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. 7 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. 8 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. 9 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. 10 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. 11 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. 12 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.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

9 Because 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.**

11 For 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.**

13 You 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.**

15 They 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

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.

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

5 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"; 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia. (Mark 10:45)

The Holy Gospel according to the book of Mark, beginning with the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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.

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

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42 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. 43 But 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. 45 For

the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- 1. Great is thy faithfulness. O God, my father, there is no shadow obtaining with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou, forever, wilt be.**

Refrain. **Great is thy faithfulness. Great is thy faithfulness morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand has provided, great is your faithfulness. Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto thee.**

- 2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.** Refrain

- 3. Pardon for sin and a piece that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide strength for today and bright hope, for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.** Refrain

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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.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Hymn ELW #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (1st verse)

- 1. We give thee but thy own, whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee**

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Offering Prayer

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. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace. **Your mercy is great.**

The 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 thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn: ELW #462 "Now We Join in Celebration"

- 1. Now we join in celebration at our Saviors invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.**
- 2. Lord as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calvary, of your living self, our victory, pledge of your unfailing presence, fore-taste here of heavenly gladness.**
- 3. Lord, we share in this communion as one family of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love and mercy till you come in final glory.**

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Post-communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #543 "Go, My Children with My Blessing"

1. **Go my children with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping. I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**
2. **Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure? Here, you heard my dear son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children sins forgiven, at peace and pure**
3. **Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children fed and nourish, joyful and free.**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements:

Church Council Meeting, Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Bible Study on Wednesday, at 9 am

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner @ Scandian Grove Lutheran Church in Norseland, MN. Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 11 am to 3 pm. Carryout is an option.

Looking for a volunteer to serve on the Welcome Team for the family we are sponsoring, the Cruz Family. Meetings are 1 per month.

2nd Annual Women's Event Warm your Heart with Plaid! Saturday, November 9, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. See poster in Narthex for more information.

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