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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

National Coming Out Day

October 11, 2020

10:30 AM Service of Communion

Luther Place Memorial Church

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GATHERING

Prelude: Somewhere Over the Rainbow

arr. K P Holdgate

Chris Nichols, flute
Justin Fitch, piano

We welcome you to worship today! We are a church that uses social media.
You are invited to interact on this live video through the comment section.
We will offer communion today and ask that you prepare bread and wine/juice.

Today we invite you to notice where there are rainbows...

***Confession:**

P: Holy God,

C: When we have had power, we forgot what it is for.

We raised ourselves further up.

**We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power in love,
to lift up the voices of those beaten down.**

When we have been weak,

**we have let ourselves be told we were broken beyond repair, and forgot
the promise that each of us is Your child,
made in Your image.**

**We have listened to the siren song of the world
that says what we get is what we deserve.**

We have forgotten your grace.

In this service, remind us.

P: Hear the good news!

God has not watched from far away,
but has come near to be with us,
to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life.

God has declared that we are not separate,
but children of one family, united in Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal lines are in treble clef and the bass lines are in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us." for the first and third systems, and "Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us." for the second system. The music is in 3/4 time and features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

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

C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And the LORD will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸and will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the people will the LORD take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; the one for whom we have waited, so that we might be saved. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the LORD'S salvation.

Reader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God!**Psalm 23**¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting Seven

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore

into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Testimonies from leaders of Embrace
Justin Fitch, Dianne Russell, & Collin Bradley

*In case you missed it,
below is a link to the benefit concert
given last night for Ward 2 Mutual Aid*



Hymn of the Day: ELW 641 All Are Welcome

Michele Currenti, soprano



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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 power of 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.

***Prayers of the People**

Please comment with your prayers for each category

Joined together in confidence of God's grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "receive our prayers."

That even through global sorrows the church can rejoice in your salvation, that bishops, pastors, deacons, and church leaders be sustained for their ministries, that churches find strength in ecumenical and interracial collaboration, that church members resolve their conflicts in peace, and that all the baptized find ways in this difficult time to uphold what is honorable and just:

We pray for the church, O God our Shepherd: **receive our prayers.**

That the damaged places on earth be restored to fruitfulness, that animals in the wild be safeguarded, and that we humans will be dedicated to a commendable use of your creation,

We pray for the earth, O God our Creator: **receive our prayers.**

God of the People, you made us in your image and you call us good. Silence all voices of shame and hatred—including the ones in our own heads—and inspire us to love ourselves and one another the way you so desperately, passionately, and deeply love us. We recall the words of Irenaeus in the 2nd century, "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive." O God our Creator, **receive our prayers.**

Compassionate Jesus, you dwell in solidarity with the oppressed, the lonely, and all who suffer. Show up, we pray, in every place of pain. We pray for comfort, for wholeness, for peace with justice, and for your will to be done. We bring you the names and places of your people in need, speaking them aloud or in the silence of our hearts... O God of grace, **receive our prayers.**

That the plague of the coronavirus will subside, that all who are sick with the virus, from rulers to refugees, be healed, that people living with fear be comforted, that medical workers be supported and medical supplies be made everywhere available, and that a vaccine be developed and fairly distributed,
We pray during this pandemic, O God our Healer: **receive our prayers.**

We pray for ourselves, O God our Mother: **receive our prayers.**

That you receive our thanks for all those who have died in the faith, that when facing our own death, you give us hope, and that you grant us your peace throughout our days,

We praise and pray to you, O God our Homeland: **receive our prayers.**

Into your hands, merciful God our Father, we offer ourselves and all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN

Announcements

Please subscribe to our eNews at lutherplace.org/calendar-news or [click here](#) to view our full list of announcements.

Offering

You can donate by texting the dollar amount to +12028166673 or clicking [this link](#). We are inviting you to give financially, out of your heart and love for God. Our giving is a spiritual practice as part of our faith and discipleship.

Mission of the Moment: Support for Ward 2 Mutual Aid

Offering Prayer

P: God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

***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: Lifegiving God. We thank you, divine Seamstress for you never stop creating. From the dawn of time, to our mother's womb, even in the age to come, Your creativity is as endless as eternity.

Today you are knitting us your people Into a garment of many colors.

We thank you, Holy Spirit, For you do not allow us to grow complacent.

You stir up dreams and visions within us

Making us restless for a new Heaven and a new Earth.

You clothe us with power to bring these dreams to life.

In you, we are beginning to see all things anew.

We thank you, Christ our Savior For your wondrous transformation
 Word made into flesh. You challenge us with foreign experiences
 Teaching us that those we thought were strange and cut off Are members in
 your holy body. Therefore, with Joseph and all of Israel's children,
 With the confused disciples and the Ethiopian eunuch, With all who have
 shown us your way, All who have gone before us,
 And all those we gather with this day, We praise your name.

Sanctus: ELW Setting Ten



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: On the night before Jesus was tried and executed by the state, Christ dined with friends, even the one who would betray Jesus.

Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to friends.

Take this bread, the Word made flesh,
 to feed you to speak words of justice and truth.

Jesus then took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to friends to drink. Take this wine, the blood of Christ, to quench your throats parched by forced silence.

Let all who hunger for justice, eat.

Let all who thirst for mercy, drink.

Let this meal strengthen and encourage you.

Let this meal remind you, you are not in debt to Empire.

We are to seek the new reality of the realm, the Kin-dom of God in this world.

We are to advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

We are to advocate for one another,

as Christ advocated for us, with arms outstretched in love for all.

Let this table be the place where the spark of the Spirit is ignited,

to fuel us from this place into the world,

embodying a justice and peace setting the world ablaze.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

***Agnus Dei:**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

***Table Blessing**

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,

with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Almighty God ✠ bless you

with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

J: We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Recessional

We will exit the sanctuary and process around the perimeter of the church as a witness to those around us.

SENDING

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de Dios, y de tu a - mor en - cien - de la lla - ma.
Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, tu - i a - mó - ris i - gnem ac - cén - de.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de a - mor, ven, Es - pí - ri - tu de a - mor.
Ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus, ve - ni San - cte Spí - ri - tus

Text: John 13:35, 15:12-13, 1 John 3:16, 4:10, 16
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Dismissal

J: God is with you - of whom shall you be afraid?
May you go out into the world filled with the Spirit of the God who made you,
loves you, and empowers you to live fiercely.

C: Thanks be to God!