

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 5:00 pm Sunday, October 10, 2021—8:00 am

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

'Round the Table

Jubilation

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

Amen.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

ANTHEM

"If Today You Hear the Voice of God"

Jubilation

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let

us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Help Us O Lord"

Jubilation

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

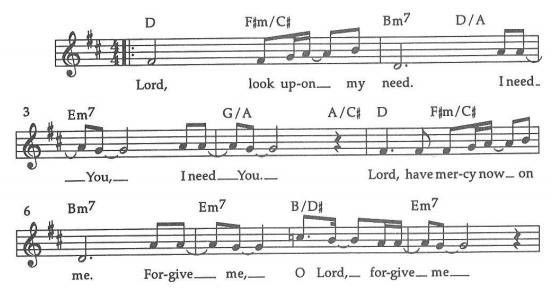
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Need You'





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APOSTLE'S 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 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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church in these days may be placed in the box at the entrance or sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.



OFFERING PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF 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.

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 holy name.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

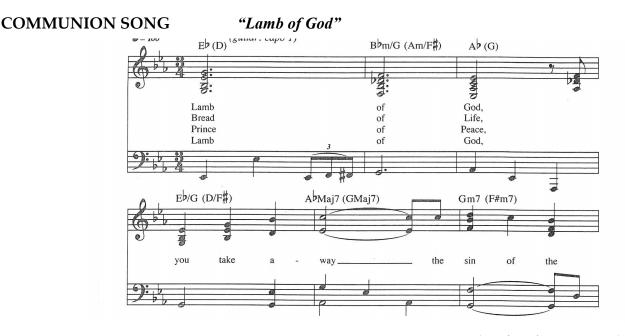
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

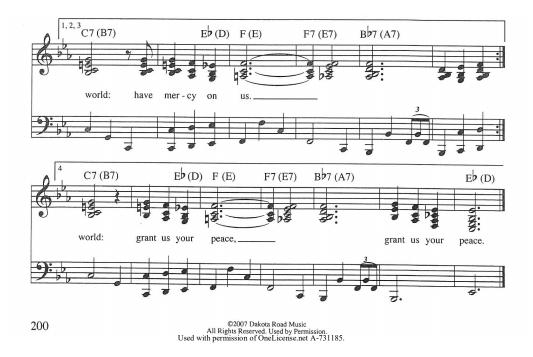
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come! The table is ready.



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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing.

Those worshiping with us at home may use their own bread and wine or juice for communion. On site, communion will be received at your seats. Having received the elements as you entered worship, you will take the chalice, and when directed by the pastor, you will remove the bottom cover to receive the bread. The pastor will say "Body of Christ given for you," and you will eat the bread. When directed by the pastor, you will remove the top cover to receive the wine or juice. The pastor will say, "Blood of Christ shed for you," and you will drink the wine or juice.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

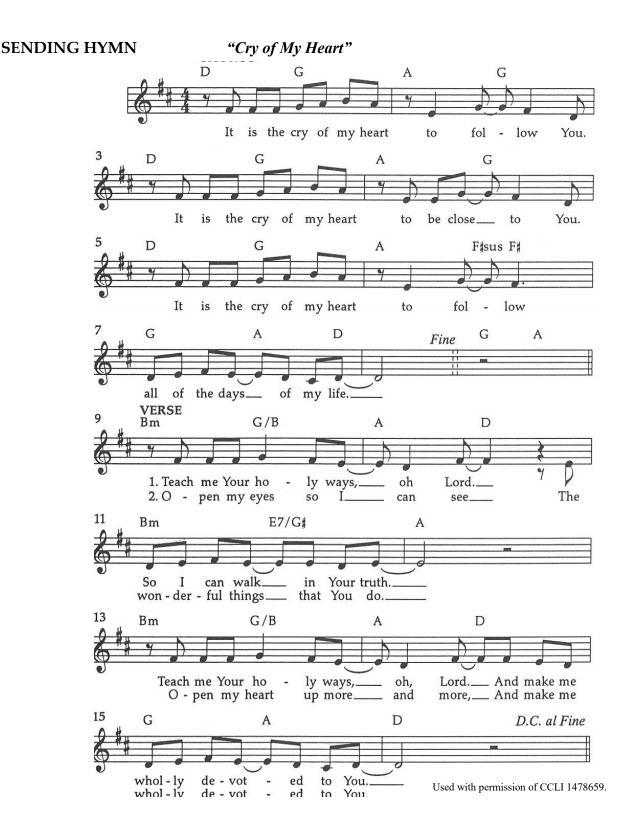
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Amen.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements



Flowers on the altar are given in honor of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up by calling the church office, or online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EABA62CAAF85-altar

Pastors
and Staff
APPRECIATION
MONTH

Please join us during the month of October to show appreciation for our pastors and our staff: Pastor Carrie, Pastor Heather, Beth Ann Anderson (Office Administrator), Dennis Kelly (Custodian), Sue Becker (Music Director/Organist), and Teri Wittkowski (Organist).

You may do by sending an email or card to the church, or by dropping it off the next time you are at worship or visiting the church. Cards are available on the welcome center at the church.

Let's join together to let them know how much they are loved!

Please join us in praying for our Pastors this week:

Dear Lord, we thank you for Pastor Carrie and for Pastor Heather. We sincerely appreciate all that they do for Faith, especially all the extra that they have done for our well-being during the pandemic. We pray that you will keep Faith and all our staff always in your care. Amen.



Our community of Faith celebrates with Alauna Gentz and Joseph Brodersen, who were married at Faith on Friday, October 8, 2021.



New Member Welcome on Sunday, October 17, 2021, 11:30 am

We are offering the opportunity for those who would like to become members to do so. We will gather so that we can get to know you better and so that you can get to know us even better.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to the church office (285-4501) by Wednesday, October 13, so that we can be sure to have enough materials. We will welcome new members on the weekend of October 23 and 24 at the service of your choice. We look forward to gathering with you!



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Arnie Lindaman Carol Judge	Jensen Spencer Jan Kluever	Sue Vogel Craig
Michelle Weltzin-	Pat Hoffman	Lois
Trainor	June Dierks	Bob
Ron McFate	Ann Kuehl	Algean
Nancy Meyer	Michael Schafer Carolyn	
Karen Rathjen	Karen Muetzel John	
H.O. Nelson	Peyton Langebartles Mary	
Norm Harvey	Sherri Westmeier Bonnie	
Sheila Baustian	Meyer Mixdorf Dorie	
Sally Puls	Bob Morehead	Clif
Duane Miller	Joe Schwarz Kelly	
Ed Stoltz	Patty Mixdorf	•
Tim Winter	Melissa Alden	

THIS WEEK AT FAITH			
Saturday, October 9th	5pm	Worship	
Sunday, October 10th	8am 9:15am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship Sunday School Worship Youth Gathering Interest Meeting	
Monday, October 11th	5:30pm	Lion's Club Meeting (FH)	
Tuesday, October 12th	1pm 5:30pm 7pm	Bible Study Food Pantry Executive Committee	
Wednesday, October 13th	6:30pm 7pm	People of Praise choir High School Youth	
Thursday, October 14th	7pm	Women of Faith Board (FH)	
Friday, October 15th	9:30am	Food Pantry	
Saturday, October 16th	5pm	Worship	
Sunday, October 17th	8am 9:15 am 10:30am 11:30am	Worship Sunday School Worship New Member Class This Week at Our Church	