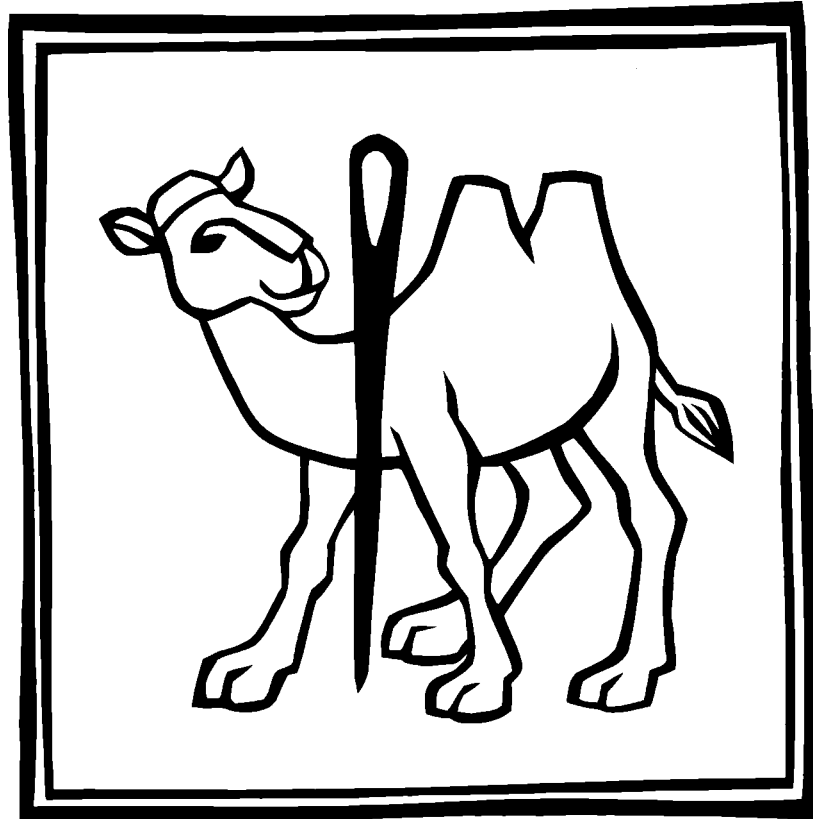


Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Bread of Life from Heaven

J.G. Walther (Public Domain)

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532 (vv. 1, 2)

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away; see in this
space our fears and our dreamings brought here
to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the
lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the
lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we
shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are
the old who yearn for your face; we have been
sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to
the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and
the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the
courage to enter the song.

(Text and Music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.)

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.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek 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. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore 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. For 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. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek 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. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalm 90:12-17

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

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?

Be gracious to your servants.

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

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

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

**May 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

Indeed, 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. And 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. Since, 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. For 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. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As 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?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You 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.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, 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.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It 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.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus 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, who 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. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

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| 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. |
| 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. | 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. |
| 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. | 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. |

(Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.; Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Now the Silence, Now the Peace* Charles W. Ore (One License)

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

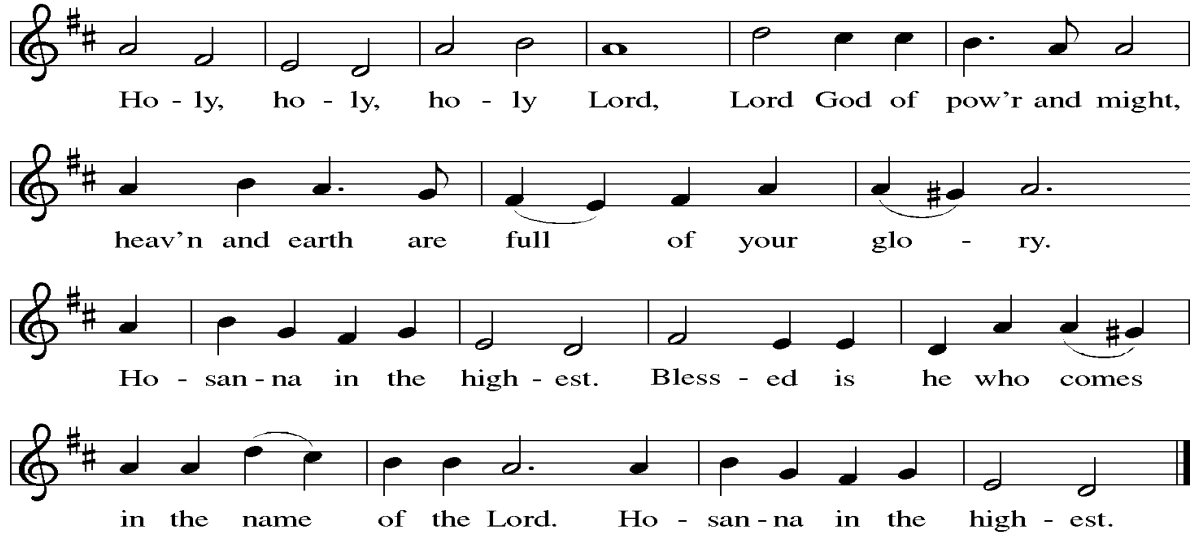
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

- 1 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace. To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind. We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease, and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us; still we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705 (vv. 1, 4)

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

(Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969; Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932)

Announcements

October Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

- **Today we welcome Rev. Susan Beck as our guest preacher.**
Pastor Susan is the Pastor at The Community of St. Dysmas. The Community of St. Dysmas (CSD) is the Lutheran congregations within the Maryland State Correctional System. God's purpose for The Community of St. Dysmas is to share the transforming power of Christ's love with persons incarcerated in the Maryland Department of Corrections and to support them through weekly worship and Bible studies.
- **We would also like to welcome Robin Schaefer and thank her for being our guest organist.**
- **Be sure to join us next week for worship as we welcome Bishop Bill Gohl and our preacher.**
- **On Sunday, November 7th, we will be remembering all of our loved ones who passed away in the last year on All Saints Day. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, please call or email the church office.**

The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of our homebound members.



Additional flowers are given in loving memory of Charles Lee Haynes from his wife, Deborah Haynes.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, April 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



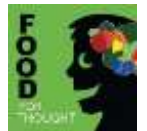
St. John's Youth Ministry invites you to the Corn Maze at Beachmont Christian Ministries on Friday, October 15th from 5 pm – 10 pm. Please see Tony Jasinski or Debbie Haacke for more information.

Join us for a night of Halloween family fun on Saturday, October 23rd starting at 5 pm on the parking lot. You will have the opportunity to participate in trunk-or-treating and a vehicle decorating contest. We will also be showing a movie with free popcorn, beverages and s'mores, while supplies last!



Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at our neighboring church, Christus Victor Lutheran Church is attempting to hand out 40 Thanksgiving dinners on Saturday, November 20th to families in need. They have asked for the help of other local churches to assist them in achieving this goal. They have asked us to provide 40 cans of sweet potatoes/yams. Are you up for the challenge? You can drop off your donations in the church office or in the collection box on the third floor.

Social Ministry is participating in the "Food For Thought Program". With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. This program would not be possible without the help of our congregation and community. **Our greatest need at this time is: shelf stable milk – white and chocolate, Chef Boyardee – single serving meals, tuna salad and chicken salad snack kits (often found at Dollar Stores.)**



We have begun our collections for the Veterans Counseling Center. This center provides counseling to Veterans suffering from PTSD and their families. The funding they receive from the Federal Government is inadequate to meet their needs, so we felt called to help. Needed items are: coffee, tea bags, sugar and sugar substitute packets, individual creamers and hot cups. There are donation bins in the 2nd and 3rd floor stairwells. Thank you for your help!

With all of the uncertainties surrounding the COVID virus we have sadly decided to cancel the Christmas Bazaar for this year. We will be selling jellies and jams again this year. Order form will be coming soon. We will also be taking orders for candy. More information to come.





Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks"

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| This week's schedule | |
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| Today | 9 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 10 am Live & Online Worship |
| Mon. | |
| Tues. | 7 pm Executive Meeting (Music Room) 7 pm Men in Mission (Youth Room) 7 pm Trinity Circle (Smith Building) |
| Wed. | 9 am Busy Bee's (Smith Building) |
| Thurs. | |
| Fri. | Newsletter Articles Due |
| Sat. | 11 am Hohne Service/Luncheon |

| Those Serving Today | 10 am |
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| Assisting Minister | Claire Miller |
| Crucifer | James White |
| Acolyte (s) | Jacob Cloman, Emily Brock |
| Lector | Nancy Ford |
| Communion Assistant | Nancy Ford |

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Helen Baker, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Cam Houston, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Rita Brady, Zita Dabars, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Melinda Fotiou, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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