



All who
humble themselves
will be exalted

LUKE 18:14

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WELCOME Thank you for being with us.

We are a Christian church within the Lutheran tradition (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God in this congregation for 186 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

Postlude It is our tradition to remain seated for the postlude. If you need to leave we ask that you do so reverently. This tradition developed as a result of our livestream. We want anyone viewing to be able to listen to the postlude without unnecessary distraction. Thank you.

Restrooms are available in the Good Shepherd Room (Springettsbury lobby) and the narthex (George St). Baby changing stations are provided in these restrooms as well as in the nursery.

Our Communion is "open" to all believers who trust that the Risen Christ is present for his people in the Holy Eucharist.

Communion Procedure:

1. *Come to communion using the center aisle (about 10 adults per side).*
2. *Communion glasses are placed on credence tables at the front pews (left and right side).*
3. *Take a communion glass from the tray of glasses.*
4. *Take your place along the chancel step. The ministers will bring the bread and wine to you.*
5. *Extend your hands to receive the communion host.*
6. *Consume the communion host before you leave the chancel edge.*
7. *Hold the communion glass with both hands at chest height so that the communion assistant can easily pour the wine into the glass.*
8. *Consume the wine before you leave the chancel edge.*
9. *Place the used cup in an empty tray located on a credence table at the side aisle.*
10. *Return to your pew using the side aisle.*

Offerings Monetary offerings may be placed in the basins provided at the entrances to the nave prior to the service. You may also donate via our website at www.stpaulsyork.org

The Nursery is accessed through the front right double doors. The 10:30AM liturgy is live-streamed into the Nursery. Currently, we are working to secure volunteer staff for the Nursery. Carrie Oberholtzer is coordinating a schedule. Please contact her to volunteer.

Guidelines for Worship during the time of COVID-19

*Wearing a mask while in worship is optional, recommended or required based on the CDC guidelines. Green/Optional, Yellow/Recommended, Red/Required. **The instruction will be posted on the entry doors. Please be sure to bring a mask in the event of required/recommended masking. Disposable masks are available at the entrance to the church nave.***

Our COVID-19 task force is assisting us as we remain open. Please thank Dr. Jessica Ericson, Sheridan Palmer, Deacon Harold Sargeant, Norma Shue, and Dr. Martha Thomas for their dedication and service.

Sunday, October 23, 2022
Holy Communion 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Musical setting 9 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

TEMPLE TALK *“A Month of Reformation”* Christopher Lipp

PRELUDE *Semplice “Simple Gifts”* Gerald Bales

Stand turning towards the font.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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

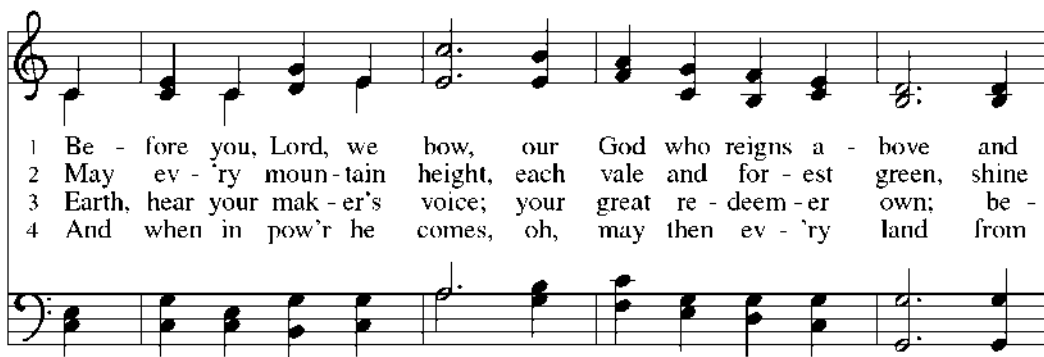
Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

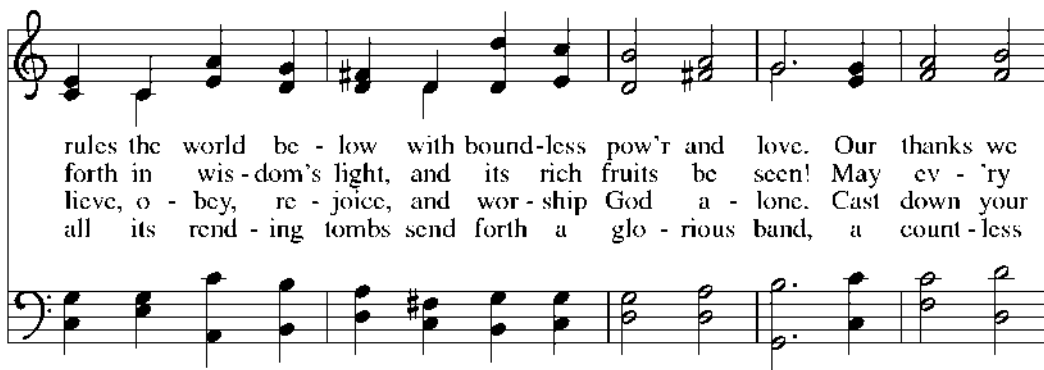
ENTRANCE HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow (ELW 893)

Stanza 1 & 4, unison Stanza 2 & 3, harmony



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

APOSTOLIC 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 everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22 (*back cover*)

CHANCEL CHOIR 10:30 AM *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord* David Evans

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 (*back cover*)

Stand

VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14 (*back cover*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the Gospel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Stan Reep

HANDBELLS 10:30 AM *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word* Sandra Eithusn

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare (*especially Ukraine and Iran*). Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit (*especially Jim Yanick, Maria Laczoskie, Vera Lipp, Mary Buler, Kim Krebs, Bob Gerhart, Marcie Walker, Bonnie Schmidt, Jim Young, Alan & Valerie McIntosh, Anna Mae & Orven Cook, Gary Bilbie, Erin Bastian, Harry Harman, Katie Guyer, Amy Hollis, Heidi Glaudel, Kristine Gross, Rachel Barnes, Courtney Snell*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of restoration, make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of eternal life, we give you thanks for (*James of Jerusalem* and) all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

The people share signs of peace.

The ministers prepare the altar for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

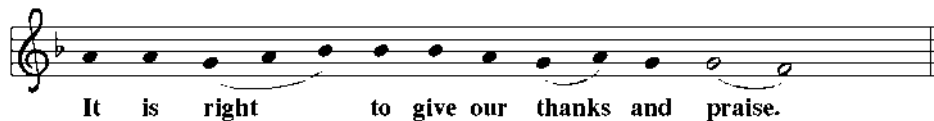
Let us pray. Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Stand

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

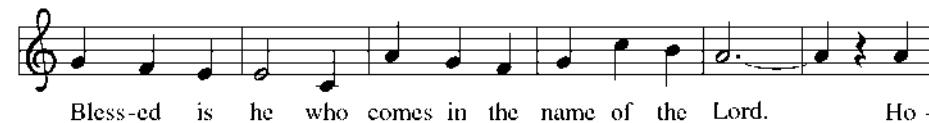
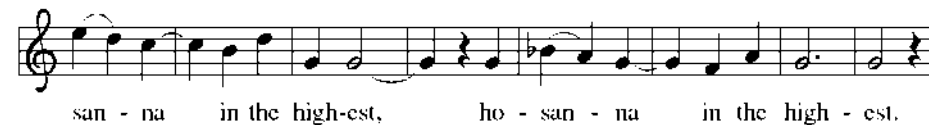
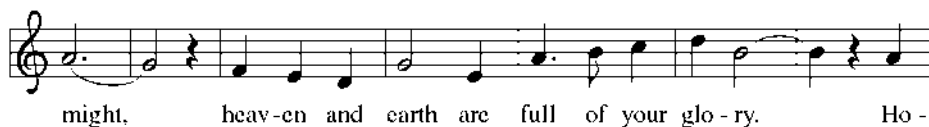
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PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

THE 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,

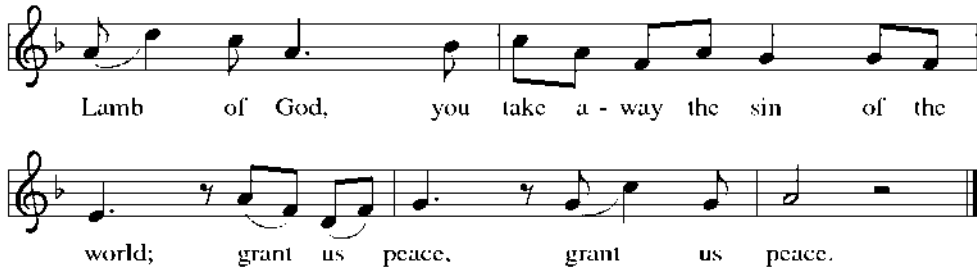
forever and ever. Amen

FRACTION *A brief silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI



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Sit The pastor cleanses hands and prepares for the distribution of Holy Communion.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

Instructions for receiving the sacrament are on the inside front cover of the bulletin.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN *The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe (ACS 1068) Next Page*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King John A. Behnke

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Flowers This Week

*The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God
In loving memory of Ruth N. Rhoads & Ervin R. Rhoads by their daughter;
and in celebration of the birthday of my brother, Ronald E. Rhoads by
Chloe R. Eichelberger*

The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es
2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its
3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's



up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant
song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -
glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your



flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine
verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and
word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is



bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -
joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -
grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -



der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.
tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.
er; God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

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Proper 25 C, 2022 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

Carving Jack-O-lanterns the gooey goodness of pumpkin flesh and seeds was scooped out and placed by the handful on newsprint. The temptation was great not to place every handful onto the newspapers covering the table. Squeezing the stringy clumps of pumpkin between fingers and palm, the thought of hurling just a little of the orange mush across the table at a classmate was almost too much to bear.

The banter between the confirmation students revealed that they had grasp something of the Lutheran reformation, the importance of All Hallows Eve when Luther posted the 95 points for discussion on the church door in Wittenberg, that saints are every bit as much sinners, and that grace cannot be bought, earned, worked for since it was purchased by the precious blood of Christ; something about our silver and gold being worthless in relationship to God's grace. One student shouted out "help me Saint Ann!" Another remarked "you throw those pumpkin guts and you'll get struck by lightning!" What seemed totally obvious in that moment was the reality that we are all sinners!

During the month of October we've been observing a season of reformation. Today the appointed gospel reading carries a classic reformation theme, justification. Some Bible translations use "righteousness" and sometimes they use "justification" but both "righteousness" and "justification" originates from the same Greek word (*dikaiois*). Lurking behind being made righteous or being justified is a great reversal.

We have spoken often during this year when we have been working our way through the gospel of Luke about the reversals:

The Magnificat, the poor lifted up and the rich sent empty away;

The blessings and woes of the Beatitudes;

The one who builds bigger barns but his life will be taken from him that very night;

The rich man and Lazarus, the flames of Hades and the bosom of Abraham;

The rich young ruler asks what he must do to inherit eternal life;

The invitation extended to Zacchaeus to come down from the sycamore tree and dine with Jesus.

At this time of year I can't help thinking about Martin Luther and his own great, dramatic, life changing reversal. That is after all what a reversal is all about; things going a different direction, another way, transformative to the point that you can't image how things used to be.

Luther experienced just such a transformation in his life of faith and trust when it was reveal to him that the righteousness of God came to humankind not as active righteousness, something that we are to achieve, work toward, earn through merit, or purchase

with silver and gold, but as passive righteousness, grace, that we are to receive as God's gift. Once Luther was struck by this revelatory discovery from reading and studying the Bible he said *"Then I had the feeling that straight away I was born again, and had entered through the open doors into paradise itself. The whole scripture revealed a different countenance to me."* Luther's life was turned around. Everything was reversed for him. It must have been something like that for the tax collector we heard about in the gospel reading just moments ago, who went down to his house justified.

The parable this morning known mostly to us as *the Pharisee and the Tax Collector* is a reversal story. The one, the Pharisee, who tells God how good he is and how much he does for God, and how much he gives God, and how he isn't like those other people (thieves, rogues, adulterers, tax collectors) and that God is so lucky to have him on his team. This is the one Jesus is addressing. He is the one Jesus is pointing out. Jesus draws our attention to the Pharisee who is so quick to point out the splinter in your eye but is clueless about the log in his own!

The Pharisee in the story is quick to point out your sin and mine but unable to recognize the sin of trusting himself, rather than trusting God. The reversal comes with the elevation of the very one who is a sinner, the tax collector. This one calls on God, *"God be merciful to me a sinner!"* The humble one is the exalted one. The forgiven one is made righteous. The unworthy one is justified.

The entire story is couched in the arena of prayer. Prayer has been an ongoing theme. Jesus wants us to pray. Today he even tells a story about two people who go to the temple to pray. I believe that Jesus is saying something like this to us this morning: *"I have come to hear and respond to the prayers of sinners who cry for mercy. I have come to make sinners righteous. I have come to make you righteous. I have come to give you the gift of being justified in God's eyes. Sinners, you are justified! My word makes it so."* The challenge for us is to acknowledge that we are sinners. To pray the prayer *"God be merciful to me a sinner!"*

The confirmation students clamped down on the "sinners that we really are" when they voiced honestly how they wanted to hurl a handful of goeey pumpkin flesh across the table instead of flinging it on the newspaper adjacent to their soon to be Jack-O-Lanterns! Luther grasp his identity as sinner which drove him to study, think, discover, and experience the gracious love of God poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of his Son, Christ Jesus. The tax collector went down to his home justified. Sinners and saints, humbled and exulted, God's power is at work making a way for the least likely to be justified. God's Word makes it so! Amen.

News and Updates October 23, 2022

Our stewardship emphasis, *A Month of Reformation*, continues with a temple talk by Chris Lipp. Please be sure to take a commitment card with you. Prayerfully consider taking a step up in your financial giving in support of ministry and mission.

Pastor William Snyder leads today's session "On Being a Christian" at 9:15 AM in Christ Hall.

Hospitality greeters are needed. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve at up-coming events.

Pumpkin Carving for Junior and Senior High TODAY following the 10:30 AM liturgy.

First Communion Instruction for parents and children will be held TODAY following the 10:30 AM liturgy. Lunch will be provided for participants.

Our new webpage is mobile and live. Please sign on to: www.stpaulsyork.org and check it out

Reformation Sunday, next week, will bring to a close our stewardship emphasis. On that day we will receive our Time & Ability forms and our commitment cards.

SERRV International Sale—The Social Ministry Committee will be having their SERRV gift sale of global handmade items on November 13th & 14th. SERRV is a non-profit organization that fights global poverty by supporting 8,000+ low-income artisans and farmers. All profits made by St. Paul's will be donated to Lutheran World Relief.



Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Noon

Join us for lunch with an African themed menu.

We will be receiving donations to support Phase #4 (the roof) for our sister congregation, Mpuguso Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Please sign up so that we can plan accordingly.

Donations will be received during the month of November.

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Food Pantry—Fall

Items needed: Beans, corn, juice, jelly, macaroni, Rice (1 or 2 lb bags), dehydrated potatoes, powdered milk, canned tuna, tomato sauce and soup. We also need paper grocery bags with handles and plastic bags.

Anyone able to help can contact Teresa Rohrbaugh, Patty Snyder, or Janet and Larry Moore.. Money donations are gratefully accepted. Please place cash or check in a “special” envelope marked “Pantry”.

This Week at St. Paul’s

Church office open 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Mon—Thurs

Sunday, October 23

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist—Handbell Choir
- 11:45 AM Pumpkin Carving Jr. & Sr. High Youth
- 11:45 AM Holy Communion Class—Christ Hall
- 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Monday, October 24

- 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry
- 7:00 PM Worship & Arts—Good Shepherd Rm

Tuesday, October 25

- 9:30 AM Pantry
- 12:30 PM Christian Ed Mtg—ZOOM
- 6:00 PM CREATE—Art, Crafts and Music for Children age 3 through grade 6
- 6:00 PM Property Committee

Wednesday, October 26

- 10—10:30 AM Pastor & Preschool - Nave
- 10:30 AM Scripture Study—Christ Hall

Thursday, October 27

- 10—10:30 AM Pastor & Preschool - Nave
- 6:30 PM Handbells—Christ Hall
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Music Rm

Sunday, October 30

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 PM AA meeting Community Rm

Serving the Lord with Gladness

DATE	TIME	Assisting Minister	Crucifer	Lector	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Set-up & Altar Clean-up
10/23	8:00 AM	Ken Hinkle	Ken Hinkle	Bob Reed		Norma & Ron Riese	Alex Bastian, Michael Poster	Kathleen Lemke, Pat Scarborough
10/23	10:30 AM	Aaron Jacobs	Tonya Cave	Jaclyn Kinkella	Patty Snyder	Steve & Sue Heistand, Alexis & June Heistand	Kem Vaught, Larry Becker, *Steve Heistand, Dan Garber	Sandy Dickensheets, Tonya Cave

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
 our apostasies indeed are many,
 and we have sinned against you.
⁸O hope of Israel,
 its savior in time of trouble,
 why should you be like a stranger in the land,
 like a traveler turning aside for the night?
⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
 like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
 Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
 and we are called by your name;
 do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
 Truly they have loved to wander,
 they have not restrained their feet;
 therefore the LORD does not accept them,
 now he will remember their iniquity
 and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
 Does your heart loathe Zion?
 Why have you struck us down
 so that there is no healing for us?
 We look for peace, but find no good;
 for a time of healing, but there is terror
 instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness,
 O LORD,
 the iniquity of our ancestors,
 for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
 do not dishonor your glorious throne;
 remember and do not break your
 covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
 Or can the heavens give showers?
 Is it not you, O LORD our God?
 We set our hope on you,
 for it is you who do all this.

or Sirach 35:12-17 [not printed]

Psalms 84:1-7

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

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