

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church October 3, 2021

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude”, Georg Goltermann

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Kneeling in the Dust” ACS 1099

Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us

1 Kneel - ing in the dust to form us,
 2 Shaped of flesh and bone and sin - ew,
 3 Tem - pered bells re - sound more clear - ly,

mold - ing with a pot - ter's care, God blows breath of
 sound - ing cham - bers for the Word, we are tuned by
 forged of met - als bright and pure. So our lives, re -

life and Spir - it— pre - lude in the morn - ing air.
 dai - ly prac - tice, sea - soned by each les - son heard.
 fined by Wis - dom, sound in ac - cents that en - dure.

We be - come God's liv - ing ves - sels:
 Skill - ful - ly, the Spir - it plays us,
 God's own hand rings out the chang - es,

we, the flutes and pipes and reeds, ech - o - ing the
 fin - gers deft on fret and string, pluck - ing mel - o -
 strik - ing chords as yet un - known, till a new earth

Spir - it's mu - sic through the wit - ness of our deeds.
 dies of yearn - ing as our hearts re - spond and sing.
 fills with mu - sic rich and sweet as heav - en's own.

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Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept, took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man the LORD God made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
²but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom God appointed heir of
all things, through whom God also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of
God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and sustains all things by
his powerful word. When the Son had made purification for sins, he sat down at
the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to
angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it
is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who
for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and
honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste
death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in
bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect
through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all
have one origin. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and
sisters, ¹²saying,

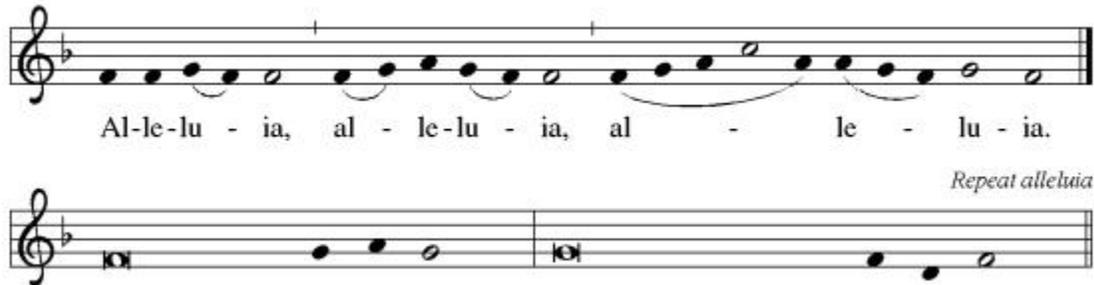
“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.



If we love one another, God¹ lives in us* and God's love is perfect-¹ ed in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" ³Jesus answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a husband to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked Jesus again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whatever man divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the dominion of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the dominion of God as a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Before the Waters Nourished Earth" ACS 1049

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness

ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -

u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody
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Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower all seminarians and those discerning a call to ministry, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Preserve endangered lands, and protect declining species. Bless all pets and all domesticated animals. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You desire us to live in peaceful community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we bring an end to warfare and celebrate and support your one human family. Uphold democracies, and bless the people of Germany at this time of their election. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established relationships within our congregation. Bless our members who cannot worship with us, and inspire our parish leadership in its work for this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Accompany all LBGTQIA persons with your loving care, and protect people who are subjected to abuse and violence in the home. Keep safe the youth who are journeying to a new homeland. Give to those infected with the coronavirus and throughout their recovery affordable and accessible health care. We pray for those communities where hospitals are overflowing with patients, and we pray especially for. . . .

1. Janette Wray
2. Sandy Lindamood
3. Judy Frank
4. Joana Plerpa
5. Effie Stallsmith
6. Malcolm Stark
7. Barb Jensen

8. Charlotte Boeck
9. Lynn Kiewel
10. Phillip Swingler
11. Maria Liwski
12. Tucker Dean
13. Irene Belcher
14. Brian Carr
15. Sharon Kravetz
16. Dipankar Ghosh
17. The Family of Carol Clements
18. The Family Eileen Anderson

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You promise eternal life to all your children. We praise you for the life and witness of your saints, especially this week Francis of Assisi and Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Strengthen our trust in you, and bring us to the last to your presence. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Sing We Merrily", Adrian Batten

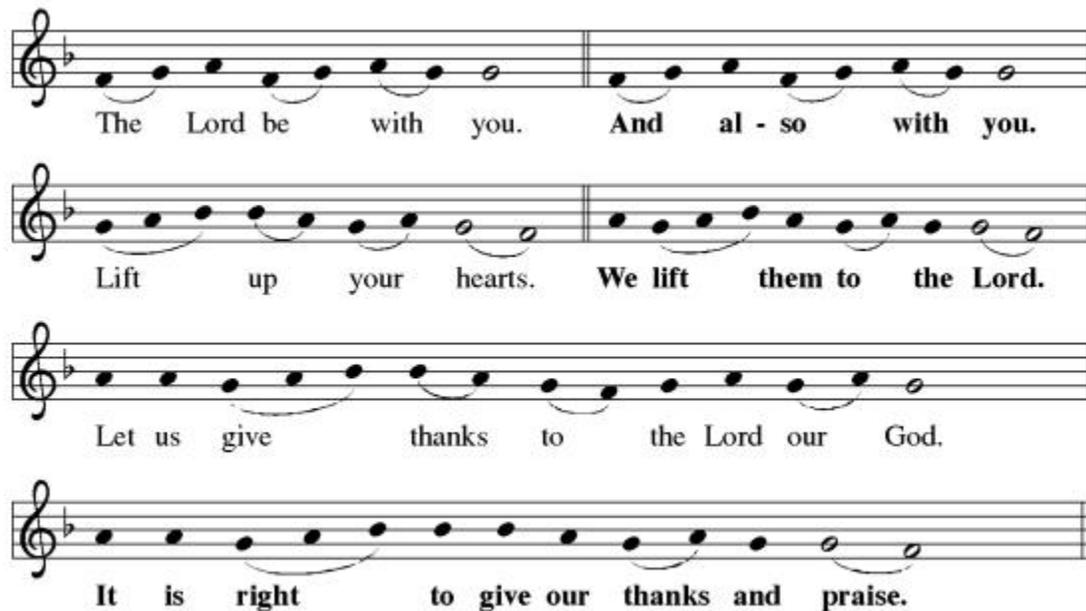
Offering and Setting the Table

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Dialogue and Preface



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 du - ty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
 al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
 opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
 And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy 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.
Bless - ed is he 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

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion

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

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

Lamb of God: ELW Setting Ten, S 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN* "How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796**

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
 4 "Through-out all their life-time my people shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “*Postlude*”, Arnold Cooke

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