



OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Southern Pines, North Carolina

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20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 23, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, (+) one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of our celebration,
and the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

People: **We confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples,
we have not finished what you began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored those unlike us.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Revive our hearts for faith and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
that we might live by Kingdom values
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Pastor: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you
even when you fall.
You who were lost have been found
and the way home is open to you through Christ Jesus, Our Lord.
For the sake of (+) Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news!
Amen.

THE GATHERING SONG – *We Believe*

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE - ELW p. 139

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

People: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:1-9

¹ The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah a second time while he was still confined in the court of the guard: ² Thus says the Lord who makes it, the Lord who forms it to establish it—the Lord is his name: ³ Call to me, and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. ⁴ For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defense against the siege ramps and before the sword: ⁵ They are coming to fight the Chaldeans and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. ⁶ I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. ⁷ I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel and rebuild them as they were at first. ⁸ I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. ⁹ And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise, and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32:8-11 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

**whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.**

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *How Firm a Foundation, verse 1 – ELW 796*

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled? Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON: *Living Kingdom Values: The Basis of Our Direction*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – *God of this City*

THE APOSTLES' CREED - ELW p. 104

People: **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING – *Organ*

THE OFFERING HYMN – *The Doxology*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,
we bring nothing into this world
and we can take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us,
which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.
Nourish us now with the life that really is life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE (*Sung by Pastor*)

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at the feast.

COMMUNION SONGS:

Lamb of God / Oceans

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

God of blessing,
at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.
Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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.

Amen.

THE SENDING SONG – *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* – ELW 755

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE