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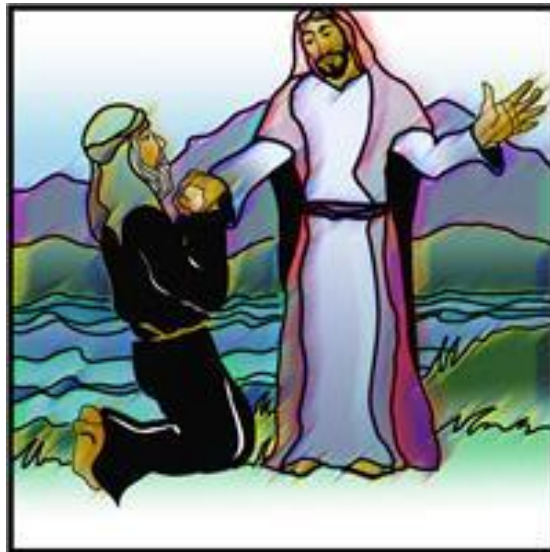
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

10 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.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST

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Welcome to worship!
During Mass,
please continue to mask and social distance.
Stay at your seat, using a soft voice when speaking or singing.

PRELUDE Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 713a Johann Sebastian Bach
(Jesus, Priceless Treasure)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand and face the altar.

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

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

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. God our comforter:

C. 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.

P. 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.

C. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*

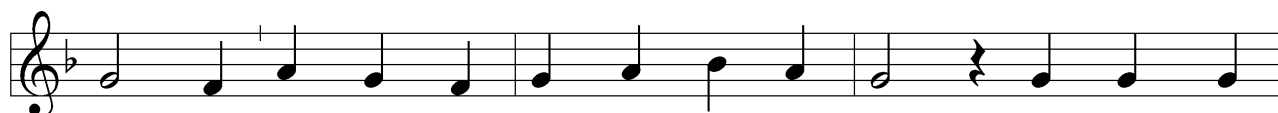
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1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
 2 O all you pow'rs that he im - plant - ed, a - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
 dore you, when I have joined the an - gel throng and learned with



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy our mak - er's praise!
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make his glo - ry known!
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of his might!
 choirs of heav'n to sing e - ter - nal an - thems to my king!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite

Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

GREETING

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

C. And also with you.

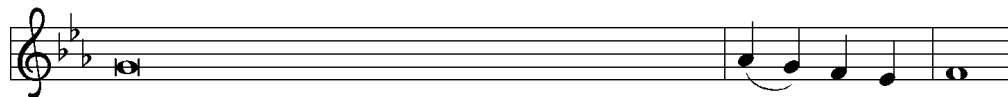
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



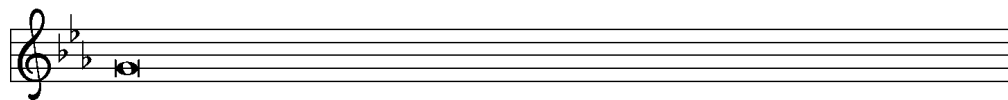
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



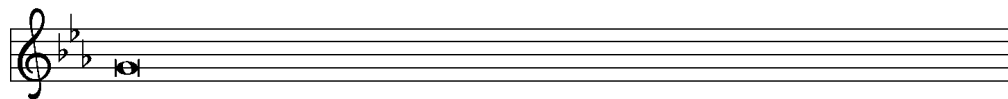
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

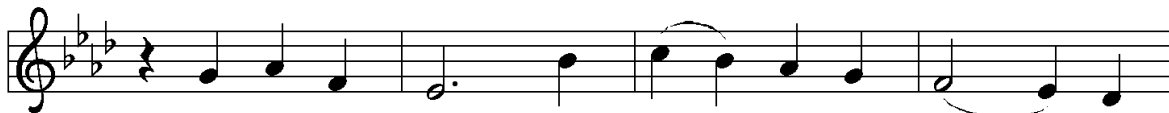
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray.

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.

C. Amen.

Please be seated

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

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A. A reading from Amos, the 5th Chapter beginning with the 6th verse.

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, 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,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

- ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, 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.
- ¹⁵**Make 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.
- ¹⁷**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

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

A. A reading from Hebrews, the 4th Chapter beginning with the 12th verse.

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.

A. The Word of God. The Word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Sung by ALL)

Cantor Verse:

Blessed are the | poor in spirit,
for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven. (Matt. 5: 3)

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

GOSPEL Mark 10: 17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

**P. The Holy Gospel According to Mark, the 10th Chapter beginning with the 17th verse.
C. 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."

**P. The Gospel of the Lord.
C. Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

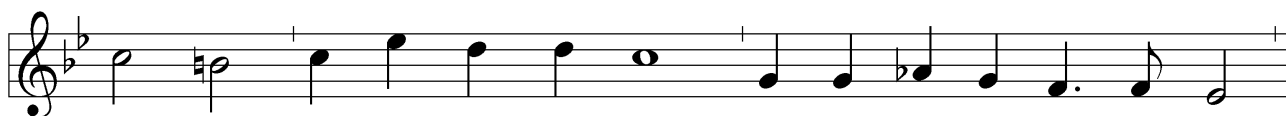
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1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak-ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
with their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662



A. Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the Apostle's Creed.

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 INTERCESSION

Kaitlin Costello

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need using the response **hear our prayer**.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of community, we pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind especially through the ministries of Lutheran World Relief. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Compassionate God, you share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical challenge or disability. We pray now either in silence or out loud for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease (*pause*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died (*especially*). Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

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

C. Amen.

PEACE **Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C. And also with you.

OFFERING

***Please place your offering in the plate located on the table
at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.***

MUSICAL OFFERING Jesu, meine Freude, BWV Anh. 58 Johann Sebastian Bach
(Jesus, Priceless Treasure)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P. 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.

C. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them to the Lord.

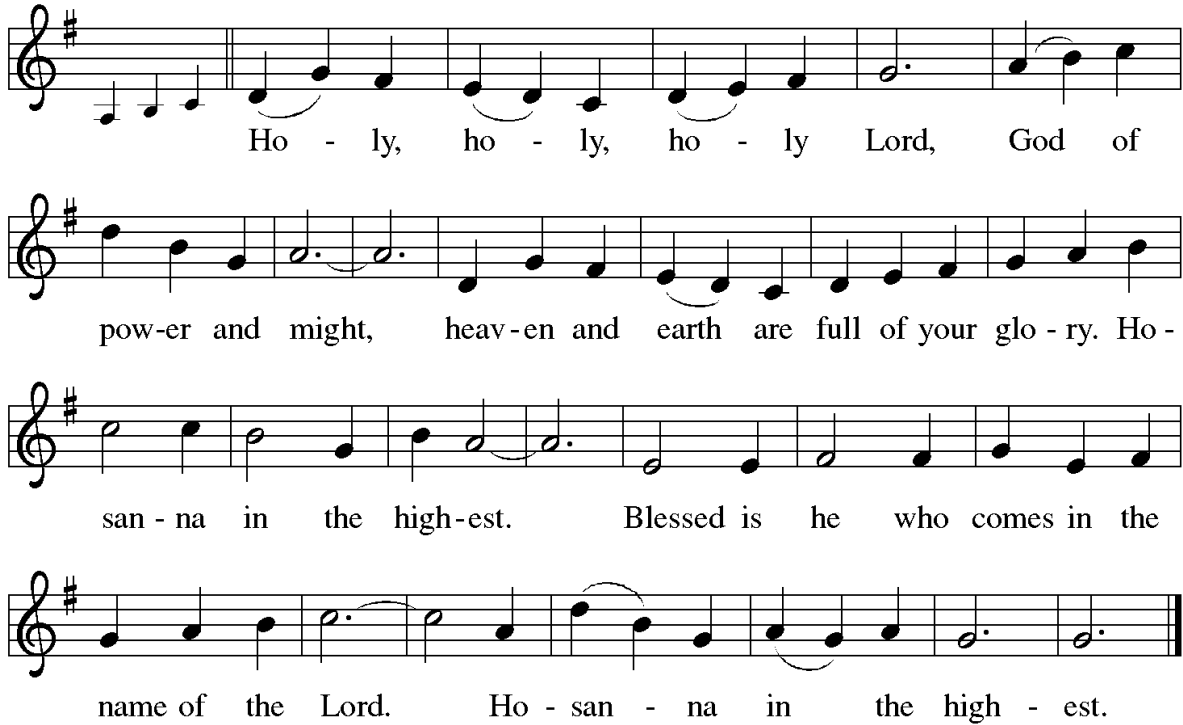
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P. 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, holy, *Holy* is the
LORD
of hosts; the whole earth is full
of his *glory*.
Isaiah 6:1

Please kneel or sit.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. 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,
Blessed and 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this
cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P. Pour out upon us and this bread and cup 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.

C. Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

**C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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

P. The table is ready.

All who hunger and thirst, come to the table where all are welcome.



AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

**Please stay seated until the person in front of you
has received the wafer.**

**Please continue to mask until after you have received the wafer
and have stepped away from the Pastor.**

*A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.
The center contains purple grape juice.
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.*

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

***All who are baptized and believe Christ is present in the meal
offering forgiveness of sins and eternal life may receive communion.***

*If you do not wish to receive Communion,
you may cross your arms in front of you and come forward to receive a blessing.*

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A. 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.

C. Amen.

BLESSING

P. 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.

C. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

LBW 408



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. The Living Word dwells in you.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

POSTLUDE

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Charles Callahan



Thank You for Your Generous Giving!

OFFERINGS

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

can be received by mail:
941 Slocum Ave., Ridgefield, NJ 07657

This Week



Via Zoom

Thursday, October 14th, at Noon

Mark 11:1-12:12 Jesus the Puzzling King

Connection link will be emailed



PRAYERS

Carol Weber; Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom), and Frank Borowski (Katie's dad), and aunt; Enrique Perez (Jack's father-in-law); Marc Yaffe (Leslyn's and Michael's son); Melanie M. (Julie's friend); Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Nancy McCabe (Lynn's sister-in-law who has COPD); Nancy Galya (Lynn's former coworker); Bill Ewing (Sue's husband and Grace's Attorney); Gina Ewing in her work regarding equality and justice for all; Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Hahnah and Navi (Karen Bartholomew's friend's children); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Arline A. (Mary Ellen's friend with metastatic cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department, working in Beijing; Susan (Lorli's sister-in-law); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Caridad (Rosa's aunt); Jael (Rosa's cousin); The Rosillo family (Surella's friends with Covid); Liz Frentzel (health concerns); Gerry Schlask (following back surgery); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Tom (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (health concerns); Lorli Steffen (hip replacement); Erika Ilgenfritz (following cataract surgery); Zulema Suarez (following surgery); Mary Ellen Fitzgerald (cancer); the people of Afghanistan, Americans, and allies who are still there; front line workers, medical researchers; health experts, national and regional officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.



Upcoming Commemorations

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Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

Sunday, October 10, 2021

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Friday, October 15, 2021

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

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