

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Global Church Sunday

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

October 17, 2021, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

How very
good and pleasant
it is when
kindred live
together in unity!

Psalm 133:1, NRSV



As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect, and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Please silence all electronic devices.

Global Church Sunday

Today we celebrate our connections and common mission in Christ's global church.

Prelude *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading, njoo kwetu, roho mwema, Swahili tune, setting by Michael Bedford*
We stand.

Gathering Dialogue

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit,
The Spirit of God in the church throughout the world.

There is one body and one Spirit
One Lord, one faith, one baptism

One God and father of all,
Who is above all and through all and in all.

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit
Let us gather in unity with our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. **Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.**

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. **Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.**

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.**

Pour our your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Amen.**

We stand.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God our Father, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 2:2-4 *They shall beat their swords into plowshares*

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 133 (*read responsively*)

¹How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
**²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**
³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
**For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6 *Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.*

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to welcome the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel

John 17:15-23 *Jesus prays for unity among God's people*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

Sermon Pastor Doug Hahn

Meditation on the Hymn of the Day

ELW 639 *Pues si vivimos*, Spanish traditional

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living, and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind; and when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Apostles Creed

We have been made God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us you one and unifying spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God of all, with wonderful diversity of languages and cultures you created all people in your image. Free us from prejudice and fear, that we may see your face in the faces of people around the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, especially Steve, Faye, Trude, Sheila,

Traci, Diana, Joe, Karen, Fred, Nicole, Charla, Dave, Michael, Jim, Bill, John, Kay, Carl, Mary, and those we name aloud or in silence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious and holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining God, bless those celebrating birthdays this week: Robin, Royce, Jennifer, Amanda, Derrion, Pam, and Steve; as well as those celebrating anniversaries, Mike and Kelly. May all of these continue to grow in grace and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel, for all who represent us around the world, including Anna Sloss, Karen Anderson and the workers at the Chez Moi orphanage in Haiti. Through the witness of your saints continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Closing petition. Amen.

Peace

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

We share the peace of Christ with one another in a safe and appropriate manner.

We sit.

Welcome and Announcements

We stand.

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.**

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.**

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:

(spoken)

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

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Come, all who hunger and thirst. The table is ready. **We come to be fed.**

We sit.

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

When all have communed, we stand.

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

Post Communion Prayer

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

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.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Cantad al Señor, Brazilian traditional melody, setting by Charles Callahan*



Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Shane Hadden
Organist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Charlie Hamilton & Richard Michel (11:00) Carolyn Carden & Richard Heine
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