

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CASUAL WORSHIP October 23, 2022 - 11:15 a.m. 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE!

We are so glad to have you with us this morning! There is an extended time of praise and worship at the beginning of the service, and we want you to worship your Lord as you feel comfortable. All forms of worship are acceptable, such as singing, clapping, standing, sitting, kneeling, and dancing. Please worship your God in a way that draws you closer to Him!

We are grateful for the worship leadership of Pastor Lynn Sullivan today. As Pastor Sullivan is not an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA or in one of the ELCA's full-communion partner denominations, she has received temporary authorization from Bishop Bill Gafkjen of the IN-KY Synod to preside at Holy Communion.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy God, give us the kind of humility which is always surprised by your grace. Grant us the power we need to live lives structured by hope. Through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

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

⁷Although 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.

WORSHIP & PRAISE

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

⁶As 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.

WORSHIP & PRAISE

TIME OF OPEN PRAYER

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:9-14

⁹[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, roques, 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."

SERMON

Pastor Lynn Sullivan

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Confession:

P. As you are willing, repeat this prayer after me:

Almighty God, I have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed—by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved you with my whole heart.

I have not loved my neighbor as myself.

Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Forgiveness:

P. The Lord has already embraced us in complete forgiveness. Otherwise, we would not be able to make this kind of confession. We stand here, forgiven. We are free men and women, boys and girls—through the loving embrace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES' 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

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. 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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We trust and teach the "real presence" of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine.

As you approach the altar rail, please keep a good space between yourself and others. The floor is marked where you may stand or kneel.



BENEDICTION

- P: Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

SENDING WORSHIP & PRAISE

SERVING FIRST TODAY

Pastor: Pastor Lynn Sullivan Greeters/Usher: John & Mary Ellen Wyman, & Dave Stocks

WOUNDED HEALER PRAISE BAND

Erika East, Annette Hull, Jennifer & Mike Langevin, Matt Pillar

Today's altar flowers are given by Mark & Linda Pillar in honor of Lacey Gobert's birthday.