

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 6, 2024 –8:00 and 10:45 AM

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – 6:30 PM

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing. If you arrive too late to do this before the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service.

✠ *In Nomine Iesu* ✠

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 834
O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

Divine Service Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book p. 167

The Introit

The congregation chants the verses in **bold** print.

Psalm 127:3-5; antiphon: v. 1a

Unless the Lord | builds the house,*
those who build it | labor in vain.

**Behold, children are a heritage | from the Lord,*
the fruit of the womb | a reward.**

Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies | in the gate.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Unless the Lord | builds the house,*
those who build it | labor in vain.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens 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 livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 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 He 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;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 2:1-18

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?"

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,
“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,
“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

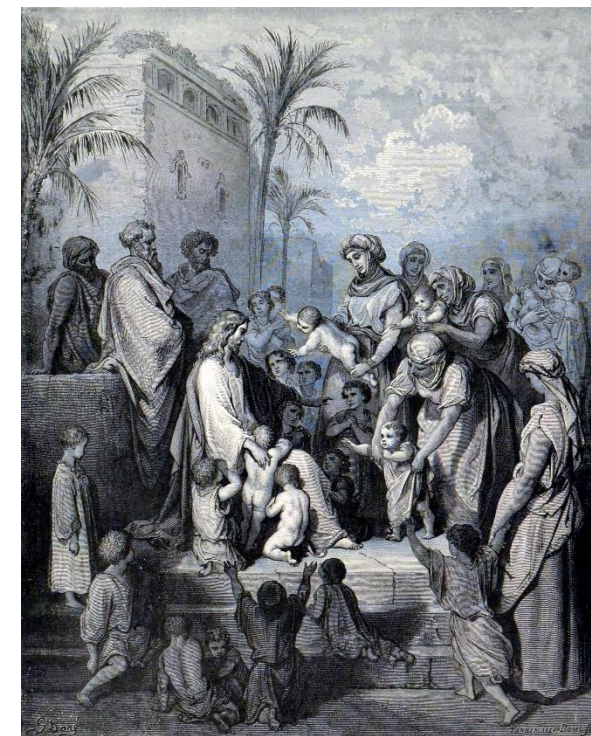
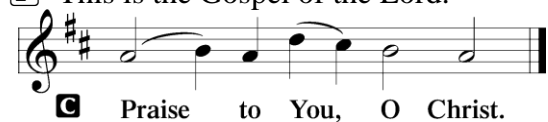


²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. ¹¹And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day	LSB 863 <i>Our Father, by Whose Name</i>
The Sermon	<i>“What God Has Joined Together”</i>
Text:	Mark 10:2-16
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Distribution Hymns	LSB 862, 822, 424, 725
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Benediction	
Announcements	
Closing Hymn	LSB 529 <i>Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus</i>

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

Visitors, we welcome you. Please sign the guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor. Also complete a blue attendance card located in the pews and put an X in the () if you will be communing with us. We invite you to join us for Bible Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the school gym.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	9/26/24	6:30 p.m.	36
Sunday	9/29/24	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	81 22

FLOWERS are given in celebration of the marriage of Sherrie Lane’s daughter Emilie Wiltzius to Brandon O’Neil.

BULLETINS are given in memory of Richard Hanson.

WE PRAY for Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Randall Gray (brother of Linda Goetz), and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

SCRIP Orders are due today Sunday, October 6. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

OUR FATHER’S LUNCHEON You are invited to the next luncheon on Thursday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m. It will be at Benny’s Café located at 5354 South 27th Street, Milwaukee. No need to RSVP. Just show up! If you have any questions, contact Jan Wicks at (414) 719-9868.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE All the required documents have been delivered to the District office. We are now waiting for the District to provide us with some pastoral candidates for our consideration. In the meantime, we will continue to take candidate nominations from the congregation. The nomination forms are in the narthex on the ledge in front of the cry room. Any questions, please contact Dave Felber.

TROJAN HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK We gathered on Thursday to hear a presentation from Miss Heather who is the Program Director for Camp LuWiSoMo. Located on the shores of Round Lake, this camp is a registered service organization of the LCMS and is open year-round. She shared with us the various opportunities that are available for children of all ages and their families. We chose this ministry to be the recipient of our Quarter 1 Chapel offerings.

HOW CAN I HELP THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HELENE:

1. Pray - for those who are mourning the death of a loved one. For those who are dealing with the aftermath of the destruction. For those who will be responding to assist as well.
2. Get involved - go to lcms-lert.org. This is where you will get all the information on how you can serve.
3. Financially- Financial support can be given <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/disaster>

NOW ENROLLING Our Father’s Lutheran Childcare **preschoolers** ages 3 and 4 years old starting this September! Our Father’s is a state licensed childcare facility which operates year-round Monday-Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Amanda McGraw or Michelle Sroka at (414) 282-9057 to learn more about this great opportunity to give your child a Christ-centered education in a family-like environment.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT St John's Lutheran Church in Port Washington (217 N Freeman Drive) is hosting a Cornhole Tournament and Hog Roast on Saturday, October 12 starting at 11a.m. If you would like to participate in the tournament and need assistance signing up, you can call their office (262-284-2131). Don't want to play cornhole? No problem! Come for the food, drinks, and desserts! There will also be some wonderful auction items including Milwaukee bucks Suite tickets, gift cards to local restaurants such as Beanies and the Shipyard, and so much more! There will be a full list of auction items that we will share with you before the event. If you would like to play cornhole and want a cool T-shirt to remember the event, please be sure to register by September 30. If you have paid and have given us your shirt size by then, you'll get a T-shirt to take home with you after the event! Please consider joining us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and some really good food!

LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE The LYAL will be attending worship together on selected Sundays followed by group brunch! Please see the flyers in the Narthex for worship locations.

***NEEDED* FLOWER SPONSORSHIP** There are a number of open spots available to sponsor flowers this fall. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one by sponsoring flowers. The cost is \$30 per bouquet.

GIVING TREE Please see the flyer in the narthex for information on the changes to the Giving Tree this year.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	10/6	DIVINE SERVICE Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Scrip Due	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.
Monday	10/7	Girls Volleyball Games (2) @ Beautiful Savior Waukesha	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10/8	PAC Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10/9	CHAPEL SERVICE Morning Bible Study Cross Country Meet @ MLHS	8:10 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m.
Thursday	10/10	Elders Meeting DIVINE SERVICE Spirit Wear Sale Closes	9:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday - Saturday	10/11- 10/12	Girls Volleyball Tournament at Immanuel-Brookfield	
Saturday	10/12	Cornhole Tournament- St. Johns, Pt. Washington	11:00 a.m.
Sunday	10/13	DIVINE SERVICES Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	8:00 & 10:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m.

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

“What God Has Joined Together”
October 6 through October 12, 2024

What is stewardship? In the Scriptures, stewards are those who distribute the mysteries of God, that is, pastors who give the gifts of God's forgiveness to His people. The gifts given by God's people are not connected to being a steward, but always come forth when the gifts of the Gospel are given. Our idea that a program is needed to get people to give is pure Law and an abandonment of the joy of the Gospel freedom. Those who drink deeply of the Gospel always bring forth the widow's mite for that is the way of faith. Thus, the problem of poor giving is not a problem that can be corrected by a program for it is a problem of lack of faith. The only correction is to offer the soothing balm of the Gospel. You should also recognize that the Church's financial problems will never end for She is not triumphant, but lives under the cross.

INVOCATION: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN.

THE CREED

VERSE: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. **Psalm 139:13–14a**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

PSALM OF THE WEEK: 36

PSALMODY PRAYER: Bring forth Your righteousness, O Lord, and drive evil far away that we may abide in mercy and do good. Open our mouths to speak wisdom and cause our tongues to talk justice. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	1 Kings 6:1, 7, 11-30
Tuesday	1 Kings 3:16-28
Wednesday	1 Kings 8:22-40
Thursday	1 Kings 9:1-9
Friday	1 Kings 10:1-13
Saturday	Mark 10:17-22

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: The Apostles' Creed

The First Article: Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Luther on Luke 7:11-17: Therefore, there is no help against this [death's power] in any creature, except that God Himself had to take pity on our misery and think of a plan for this, as He says in the same prophet (Is. 49:25): "Now the captives will be taken away from the giant, and the prey set free from the strong." Christ, God's Son, Himself had to do this. For this reason, He became man, that is, took on Himself our death and its cause (sin and God's wrath), so that He could rescue us from it and bring us out of it into life and righteousness. ... For this reason, we are called "Christians"--that is, righteous, living, and blessed people--because we have this Lord and partake of Him through faith in His Word and Sacrament. He is the true sin-slayer and death-eater (I am speaking about our sin and our death which had slain and eaten us) through His own strength and power [cf. 1 Cor 15:54]. He did both of these things in His body when He took our sin and death upon Himself. However, because He was not only without sin and the guilt of death but also in Himself was full of eternal righteousness and life, sin and death had no claim on Him but were condemned and blotted out in Him, so that for our sin and death He gave us nothing but righteousness and life. (Church Postil V, LW 79:139-140)

PRAYER: Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord's Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

OR

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF THE WEEK: *LSB 822 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" (stanza 1)*

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE WEEK OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"You Lack One Thing"
October 13, 2024

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 918, 694, 703, 602, 559, 683

READINGS

Amos 5:6-7,10-15
Hebrews 3:12-19
Mark 10:17-22

The account of the rich young man is not a lesson in how much you should give, but a word about faith. The rich young man sought approval for his life, but Jesus forces Him to reexamine that life. The young man thought he had kept all the commandments dealing with his neighbor and so led a "good life." Jesus points him back to the First Commandment when He notes that only God is good. Luther had this in mind when he defined what a god is. A god is anyone or anything you trust in for all the good in your life. The young man lacked the most important thing--faith--for he still trusted in his possessions for the good in his life. Faith always trusts in God for all good, that is, lives under the cross that it might receive the greatest good thing--the forgiveness of sins. The disciples were concerned that this would exclude the rich from the kingdom of heaven, but Jesus' words only indicate it is very difficult. Jesus wants them to understand that even faith, complete trust in God for all good, is the gift that God gives where and when He pleases. Thus, it is impossible for men to give faith to other men, but with God all things are possible. The warning against riches is a warning for all times. You are really rich my people and often trust in those riches to supply the good in your life. You have your computers, phones, TV sets, houses, more than one car, and the marks of your riches continue. Jesus' words are for you. He has made you His children. Do not cast that away and trust in the riches He has given you.



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October 6, 2024



Pentecost

About the Cover: Adam was not made to be alone. Even before the fall, the Lord established marriage as a beautiful gift between a man and a woman. Neither is the Christian Church alone. This blessing of marriage was given as a sign of the eternal and unbreakable marriage between Christ the Bridegroom and His bride the Church. Christ has taken on our human flesh and has given Himself for us on the cross in order that we might be with Him forever.