



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Church is Messy and Holy

October 1, 2017 10:30 Holy Communion

The Church – which is the people of God, not a building or an organization – is both fully human and fully divine. And every Christian is both fully made holy and also still fully a sinner. After being given a right relationship with God through grace, we paradoxically remain sinners (people who need a right relationship with God) and are already saints (people who actually have a right relationship with God.)

-from Working Preacher.org, "Preaching the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation"

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Come
(For music turn to Hymn 6 in the Songbook)

Chorus **Come, worship the Christ,
lift up your heart with a new living praise.
Come, join in the marvelous song
sung by those who live in God's embrace.**

- 1. By the word of the maker the heavens came alive,
the waters were placed in the dance of the sea.
So let us stand in awe of creation
and the one who caused it to be. *Chorus***
- 2. No one can be saved by their own might or
make their lives more secure by the strength of an army.
Wait for the lover who offers guidance
and life abundantly. *Chorus***
- 3. The eyes of the One, our designer,
watch over us like a mother who nurtures her children.
Blessed are you, a chosen people.
Rejoice, live the Amen! *Chorus***

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Apostles' 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We still fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by your will, willing to speak for what is right and work for what is just. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven and God continues to work in us. God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise He Is Exalted

(For music turn to Hymn 14 in the Songbook binder)

1. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,**

I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

Chorus

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

2. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,**

I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

Chorus 2 times

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; ²⁴but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 51:1-12 (*read responsively*)

A: Have mercy, tender God,
forget that I defied you.

**C: Wash away my sin,
cleans me from my guilt.**

A: I know my evil well,
it stares me in the face,

**C: evil done to you alone
before your very eyes.**

A: How right your condemnation!
Your verdict clearly just.

**C: You see me for what I am,
a sinner before my birth.**

A: You love those centered in truth;
teach me your hidden wisdom.

**C: Wash me with fresh water,
wash me bright as snow.**

A: Fill me with happy songs,
let the bone you bruised now dance.

**C: Shut your eyes to my sin,
make my guilt disappear.**

A: Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.

**C: Do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

[Paul writes] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews

or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body.²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it *After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Mark 10:45)

C: Alleluia. The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 10:35-45

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my

right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
(for music, please turn to Hymn 35 in the Songbook binder)

**1. We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the spirit we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.**

Refrain **And they'll know we are Christians
by our love,
by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land;**
Refrain

**3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride;**
Refrain

**4. All praise to the Father from whom all things flow;
and all praise to Christ Jesus his only son;
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one;**
Refrain

Apostles' Creed

A: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**C: 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 the Church

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

P: We share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† MEAL †

Offering & Special Music *O God We Bear the Imprint of Your Face* by Shirley Erena Murray

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord
For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of life,

C: you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 our God.

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

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 of Nazareth; 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 church of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and the church here in this place and all churches throughout the world, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)

**C: 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.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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

P: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

650 *In Christ There Is No East or West (Red Hymnal)*

471 *Let Us Break Bread Together (Red Hymnal)*

Communion Blessing After all have communed the pastor will say:

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

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be both humble and courageous. May your word come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn We Are Called
(for music please turn to Hymn 38 in the Songbook binder)

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Congregation</u>
We are called	We are called
We are claimed	We are claimed
We are loved (all together)	We are loved by the holy name.
We are healed	We are healed
We are whole (all together)	We are whole The Savior ransomed our soul.
Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria.	
Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria!	

We are here	We are here
To proclaim	To proclaim
God is here; (all together)	God is here; Calls us each by name.
We are here	We are here
To give praise (all together)	To give praise The love of God will not change.
Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria.	
Glory, Glory, Glory Halleluia! Glory, Gloria!	

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **God's Work. Our Hands.**

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Acolyte	Molly Perdan
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Gary Boisseau and Rob Stroup
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish
Coffee Hour	Rich and Kari Buch

Worship assistants for next Sunday, October 8

Greeters and Ushers	John and Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Katya Kurilovitch
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up!</i>

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