

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, confessing our sin and trusting in God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of truth,

C **we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.**

P Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, sacrificed himself for us and for our sins. In Christ, you are freed from your sins and given a place in God's household forever.

C **Amen**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and ever-living God,

C: **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. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Followers of the Lamb"

arr. Dorothy Christopherson

WORD

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

Amos declares: Seek 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.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

(Read Responsively)

¹²So teach us to num-ber 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.

**¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrew 4:12-16

Indeed, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

As 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 Our Lord
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME
THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”*

ELW 729

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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: Lord of creation, with confidence in your abiding care, we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray to be a servant church that follows where your commandments lead, loving you above all, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for strength to discover, encourage, and celebrate those among us who nurture your creation; may their passion and wisdom lead us to new ways and new hopes for tending our world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for the gift of wisdom to count our days, and to make them count, a wisdom that helps us live well in communities of blessing where all people are valued. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those who live in fear, for those who are dying, for those facing disability and chronic pain. May we offer them compassion, understanding, and the assurance of your presence through us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray that our congregation would refuse limitations imposed by the world, choosing to live instead with hopeful expectation, knowing that all things are possible with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for our companion congregations this week:: Westwood in Shawnee Mission, Salem in St. Francis, Immanuel and Holy Trinity in St. Louis, that they bear faithful witness to your ways in their communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: In grateful thanksgiving we remember those who have offered us a vision of the kingdom of God at work in the world and now know your kingdom in its fullness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Lord of creation, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of majesty,

C in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care that you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

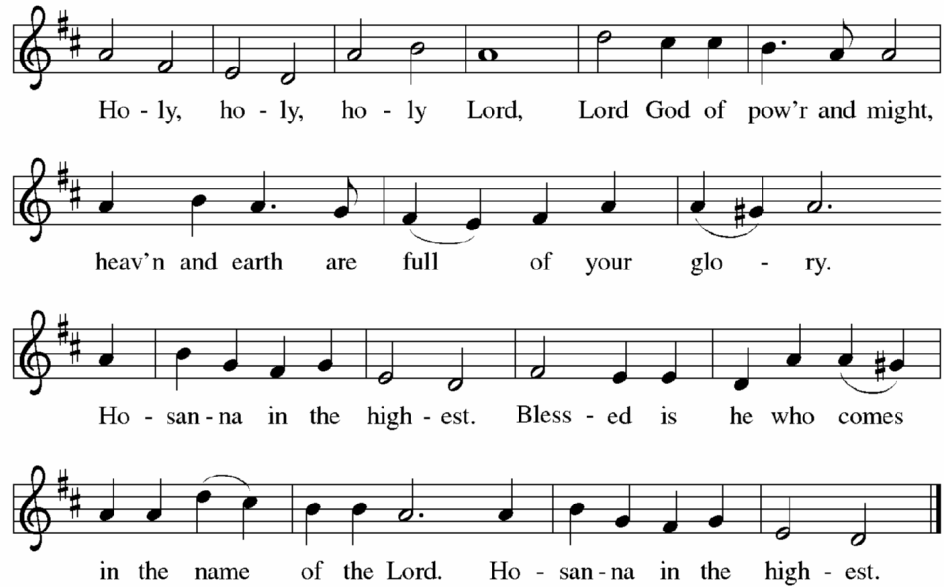
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God...The universe declares your praise...with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution

P: Remembering his love for us...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...in your church without end.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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 The feast is now ready; receive the Lord and live.

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Lamb of God



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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *“Take My Life That I May Be”*

ELW 583

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW 479

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray...

Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P The life-giving God, who sets us free in Christ, encourage you with the presence of the Holy Spirit and + bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

ELW 678

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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