

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does? Today the church commemorates Francis of Assisi and Theodor Fliedner, renewers of the church and society.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

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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 Sovereign God,

C: you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Take My Life That I May Be"

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, 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 cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he 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; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

PSALM: Psalm 8

(Read Responsively)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens

out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies,

to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind-ful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do not see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they 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 dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your

hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”*

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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: For your holy church throughout the world and we who are called by our baptism to service for the kingdom's sake: defend us and nourish our trust in you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the creation you have called good and we whom you call to be stewards of it: bless the fields, forests, and waters and bring forth a plentiful harvest. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For all who serve in church agencies and international organizations: bless their work of carrying life to broken people in broken lands. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the poor, the homeless, the lonely, those who are refugees from their own families as well as those forced to leave their homelands: may your love in our hands bring restoration.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For we, who are your people in this place: grant us grace to live in childlike wonder, ministering to our community, so that all may see life together in your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For our companion congregations this week: First Lutheran in Shawnee Mission, Messiah in Springfield, St. Thomas –Holy Spirit and Resurrection Lutheran in St. Louis. Guide their work as your people in their communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: In thanksgiving for renewers of church and society especially Francis of Assisi and Theodor Fliedener and all our loved ones who live in the Lord, may their witness lead us to hope. 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.**

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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

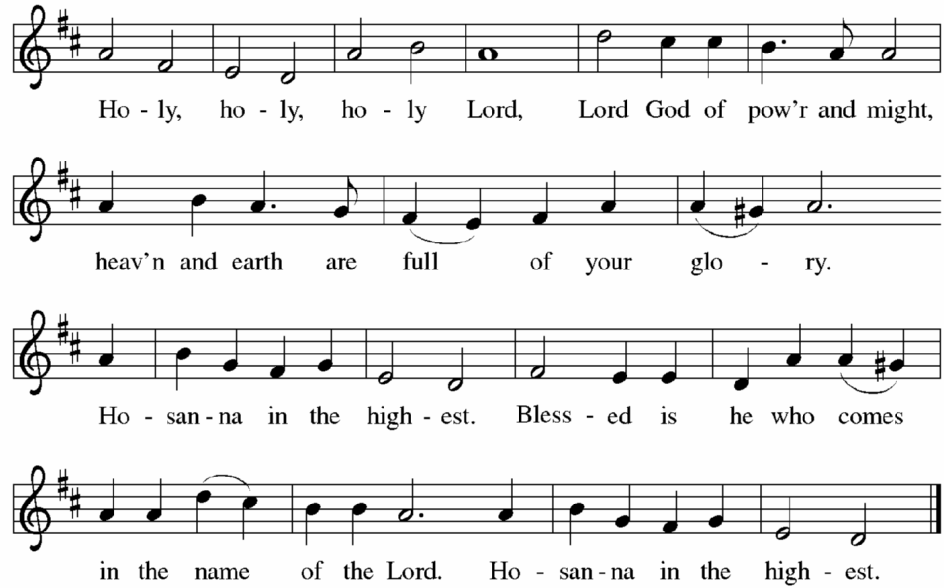
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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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 *“Jesus Loves Me!”*

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“Loving Spirit”

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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

“When in Our Music God Is glorified”

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DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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