

APOSTLES' LUTHERAN CHURCH

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God's purpose for the church is to witness to God's grace, forgiveness, compassion, and justice. We fulfill this promise by serving and caring for your local and global communities.

SUNDAY VOICE

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

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Service of Holy Communion

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 2nd, 2022

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + One God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. God of mercy and forgiveness,

ALL: We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: hear the Good News, your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Gloria: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" 857 ELW (*sung two times*)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray together our prayer of the day for Sunday, October 2nd, 2022.

All: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "God is Here!" #526 ELW

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

WORD

Please be seated.

A little faith goes a long way is the point that Jesus makes in the gospel lesson today. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them.

Receive them with thanksgiving.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37: 1-9

37:1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

37:2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

37:5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

37:6 He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

37:7 Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

37:8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret--it leads only to evil.

37:9 For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

R: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *“There is a Higher Throne” by Keith and Kristyn Getty
and arranged by Lloyd Larson.*

Performed by Phyllis Griffiths and Kathleen Merlino.

Gospel Acclamation

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” 172 ELW

***Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah.***

Please rise, if you are able, for the Gospel reading.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identities rather than workers seeking a reward.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you O Lord.

After the reading

P: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, this is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Peter Edvardson

Please rise if you are able.

Hymn of the Day: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #759 ELW

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

*When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed
soul!*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

Apostles Creed (pg. 105 ELW)

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 and Concerns of the Community

"Lord, Listen to your Children Praying" #752 ELW (*sung three times*)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

D: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

D: We pray for your holy church in every place and for all those who serve trying to follow the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
All: hear our prayer.

Deacon or worship assistant continues with the prayers of intercession.

D: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior
All: Amen.

Offering

P: As a people of God, who have been named and claimed through our waters of baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, we are called into community with one another and called to share abundantly with others, from those gifts that God has first given us.

Offertory music: “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord” #184 ELW

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. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offertory prayer:

D: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
All: Amen

The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface: 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 Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(pg.153 ELW)

All: 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.

Eucharistic Prayer:

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.

Lord's Prayer:

P: And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us.

(pg. 154 ELW)

All: 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

C: Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymn: “Here is Bread” #483 ELW

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain: *In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.*

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. [Refrain]

*Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We’ll proclaim till he comes
Jesus crucified. [Refrain]*

Please rise if you are able

Post Communion Cantic: “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” 207 ELW

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ

We pray for those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries:

10/2 Linda Eill

10/2 Liza & Rocco DeStefano

THE SENDING

Blessing

P: God who gives life to all things and frees us from despair; bless you with truth and peace. And may the Holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #547 ELW

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face – our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God’s children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

*The worshipping community of Apostles Lutheran Church would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to Kathleen Merlino, our guest soloist today.
Thank you for sharing your God-given gift of music with us today!*

**Online Giving: We have set up online giving for church offerings.
The Vanco online system can be found on the Apostles' website.
Any questions, please see Frank or Nick. Thank you.**

We are collecting:

Linens: Towels, sheets, and blankets. Medical supplies: Alcohol wipes, infusion set-ups, non-expired medications, dog food, tubing, syringes, etc... Empty ink cartridges of all types. Pull tabs from aluminum cans for dialysis credits.

The next FOOD CLOSET is Thursday, October 13

1:00-3:00 PM

We are in desperate need of canned fruit.

Please donate what you can. Thank you.

**There will be a refresher class today, October 2,
following the worship service, for the Altar Guild.**

This includes set up, clean up and ushers.

If you have any questions, please see Carol Burke. Thank you!

***The next Council meeting is tomorrow,
Monday October 3, at 6:30 pm.
Please plan to attend. Thank you.***

Altar Volunteers for October 9:

***Deacon: Barb Marlow, Acolyte: Nicole Goldstein, Greeter: Stephanie Morgan,
Usher: Fred Stoll, Readers: Connie Troilo, Barb Marlow
Set Up: Sylvia Dennis, Clean Up: Barbara Shultz***

Thank you all!

**Please fill out a Contact Information Form
if you have not already done so.
They are located in the Narthex. Thank you.**

**If you wish to bring snacks for the Sunday Coffee Fellowship,
the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you.**