

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN

*come to me.*

MARK 10:14

*19th Sunday after Pentecost*

OCTOBER 3, 2021

# ***PRELUDE***

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Prelude in G, S. 568*

*Please stand.*

## ***GATHERING LITANY***

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## ***THE CONFESSION***

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Together let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*A time for silence and reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C:** **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

**P:** God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C:** Amen.

## DAY BY DAY

*ELW 790*



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## ***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!**

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

**P:** Let us pray. Sovereign God, 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

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***A READING FROM GENESIS 2:18-24***

**R:** A reading from Genesis the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So 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. <sup>20</sup>The 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. <sup>21</sup>So 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. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## ***READING FROM HEBREWS 1:1-4, 2:5-12***

R: A reading from Hebrews the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but 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. <sup>3</sup>He 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, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting 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, <sup>9</sup>but we do 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.

<sup>10</sup>It 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. <sup>11</sup>For 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, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

## ***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

*The cantor will sing the verse.*

*We respond by singing the Acclamation a second time.*

## ***THE GOSPEL***

## ***MARK 10:2-16***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: <sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But 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. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, with 'Praise' under G4, 'to' under A4, 'you,' under B4-A4, 'O' under G4, and 'Christ.' under the final D4.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

*Please stand.*

***BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS***  
***ELW 656***



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be-fore our Fa-ther's throne we pour our ar-dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu-tual woes, our mu-tual bur-dens bear,  
4 From sor-row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u-ni-ty of heart and mind is like to that a-bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and of-ten for each oth-er flows the sym-pa-thiz-ing tear.  
and per-fect love and friend-ship reign through all e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.



# ***BLESSINGS OF THE QUILTS & KITS***

P: Gracious God, in this extraordinary time, we, with all peoples across the globe, face a pervasive and persistent illness which threatens breath and life. Morning and night the news worldwide tracks its progress and mourns its victims. In the midst of this peril, you inflame our hearts and empower our lives with this yearning:

**C: Until our love reaches every neighbor.**

P: The resources to combat and conquer the virus vary widely among your children. In all our worry and caution, we know we are surrounded by medical personnel, technology, knowledge, economic strength and government support that we may resist and find the safety we seek. In Christ you have given us a compassion that knows no borders, which will not be satisfied:

**C: Until our love reaches every neighbor.**

P: Throughout this pandemic, the perennial troubles assault your children still: poverty and war, hurricane and earthquake, drought and flood. Mindful of such need, and stirred by your grace, sometimes our love takes the shape of quilts/kits:

**C: Until our love reaches every neighbor.**

P: We give thanks for those whose hands and hearts have fashioned these. We pray that we all might find in these offerings example and motivation for advocacy and care, employing your gifts and goodness in each of us:

**C: Until our love reaches every neighbor.**

P: We're grateful, too, for the staff and partners of Lutheran World Relief who will utilize these quilts/kits where dearly needed, that through their proficiency and dedication we come closer to this commitment:

**C: Until our love reaches every neighbor.**

P: We pray for those who will receive these offerings, wherever they may be, that in this season of challenge made double or more, these signs of our care may ease their hardship and increase their

hope, and by your grace may be an instrument binding them and us together in our longing and labor for your promised peace.

In the name of the One who makes neighbors of us all,

**C: Amen.**

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE***

*Please be seated.*

## ***MEDITATION & OFFERING***

*Hal H. Hopson*

*Eight Hymn Tunes for Organ*

*VII. SALZBURG*

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*Please stand.*

## ***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 God thanks and praise!**

# *THE PROPER PREFACE*

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 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:

## *SANCTUS*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# *THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this Holy Supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The Table is ready!!

*At this time, we share in taking the bread and wine  
as we feast on the body and blood of Christ.*

## ***TABLE BLESSING***

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

C: **Amen**

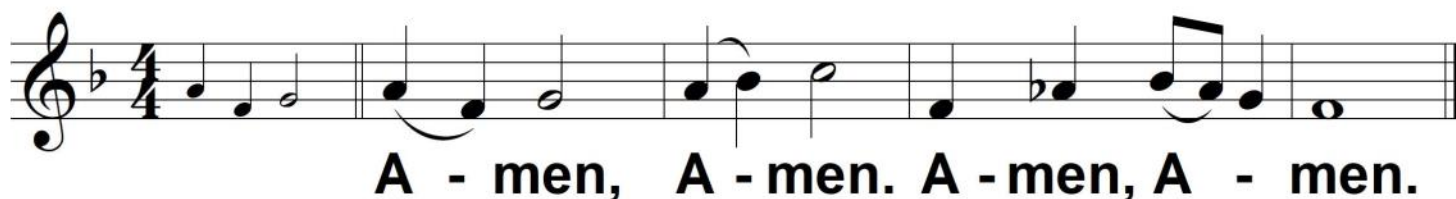
## ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## ***BLESSING***

P: Now may the blessings of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.



# LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

## ELW 876



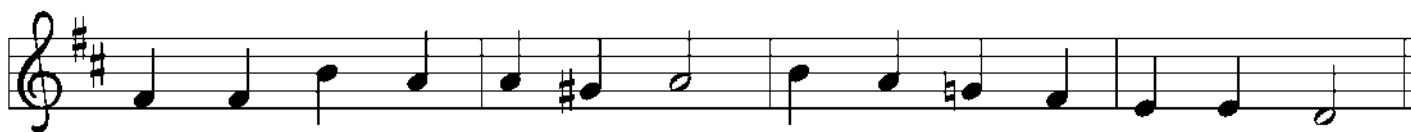
1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Scr - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916. alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702

# ***DISMISSAL***

**P:** Go in peace. For the Living Word dwells within us!

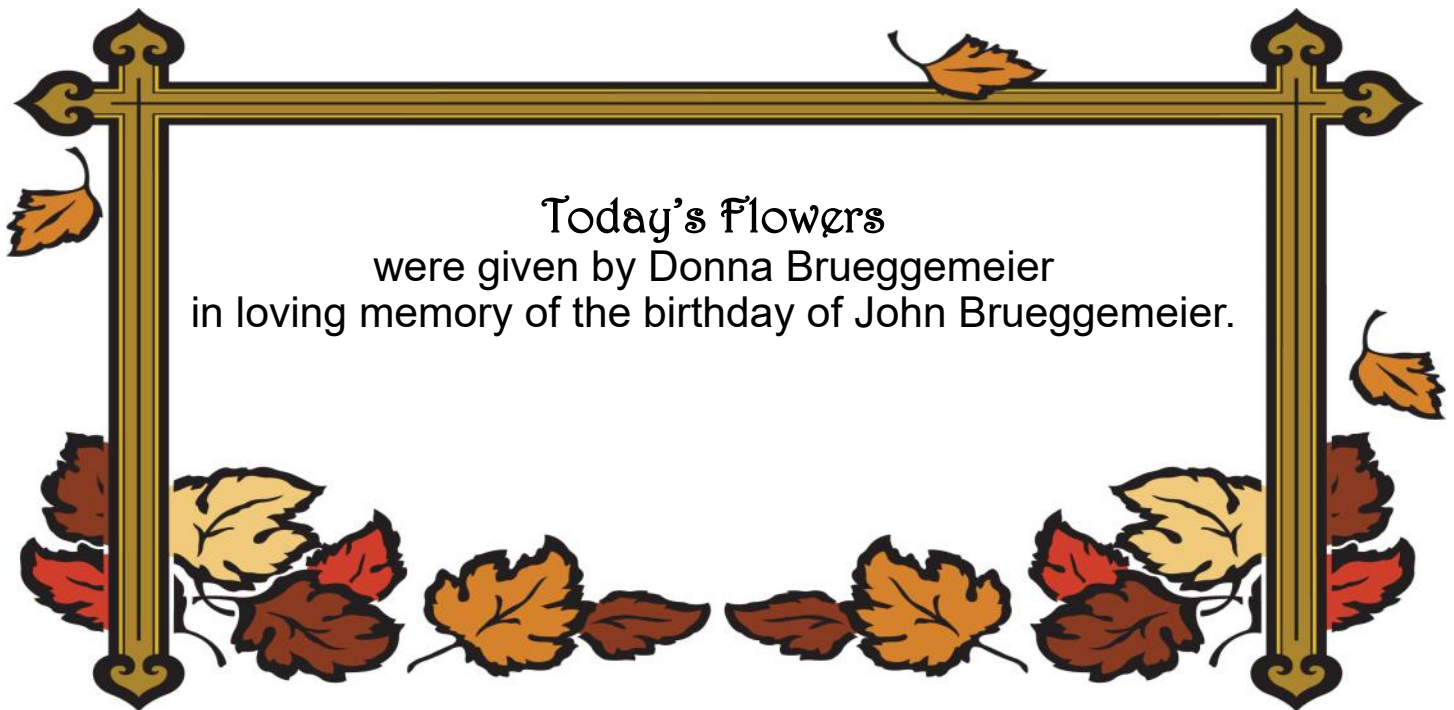
**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

# ***POSTLUDE***

*Wayne L. Wold*

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, Set 1*

*I. Trumpet Tune on SALZBURG*



## *Today's Worship Leaders*

Cantor:	Victor Welsch	Facebook Camera: Wendy & Andrew Bailey
Hosts:	Deb Hohman Judy Kimmel	Slide Show Creator: Pastor Bailey
Lector:	Linda Ellinger	Slide Show Operators: John Bailey Haley Welter

# Announcements

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

This group will be meeting in the Church Library at 10 AM on Wednesday mornings.

## Sharing Kitchen

We have been assigned to work at the sharing kitchen on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Deb Nominee if you can help.

## Youth Night

Mark your calendars for next Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>!

6-7p Confirmation

7-8p Youth Group

8-9p pre-Gathering Meeting for National Youth Gathering

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."