

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



*We are committed to **invite** and **welcome** all to Jesus Christ, to **equip** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to **serve** in Jesus' name.*



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia. (1) Wor thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu -



ia. (2) Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia. (3) Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - - tion:



Bless-ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the



Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia. (4) For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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



Refrain This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

68

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

71

lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff, starting at measure 68, contains the lyrics 'God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -'. The second staff, starting at measure 71, contains the lyrics 'lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

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. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore 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. For 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. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek 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. Hate 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.

R: The Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. And 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. Since, 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. For 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. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia.

P: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: **You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

As he 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?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You 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.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, 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." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It 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." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus 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, who 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. But 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.**

ANTHEM

8:15am, Women's Chorale "Beautiful Savior"

by F. Melius Christiansen

11:00am, Chancel Choir "Christ of the Upward Way"

by Gilbert Martin

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

HYMN 623 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...
...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, along with rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the final staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who believe that Christ is present in the wine and bread for forgiveness, life, and salvation are welcome to partake of communion. Please indicate to the server if you would prefer to receive grape juice. All children and adults who prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion are welcome to come forward. Please indicate you would prefer to receive a blessing by keeping your hands folded.

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 547 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. by Dale Wood

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

20th Sunday after Pentecost – October 10, 2021

“...go, sell all that you have...” (Mark 10:21)

A rich young man comes up to Jesus and asks him what steps he must take in order to “inherit eternal life.” Jesus responds, “You know the rules. Obey God’s commandments.” The man says he has obeyed all the commandments since he was a child. Wow, who among us can do that?

The man attempts to get Jesus into a conversation about spiritual matters. Jesus tells him that he already knows the answer, obey the commandments, which is what the man is already doing. No one is sure why Jesus asks this man to do something that Jesus never asked anyone else to do. Jesus doesn’t just tell him to get rid of all his riches, which would have been a big sacrifice all by itself; but he says explicitly to give it to the poor. Perhaps then the man would be taking responsibility for someone else’s needs other than his own and find out what it’s like to be dependent on others to get by.

Jesus tells the man, “Follow me.” This is the only place in the New Testament that Jesus’ call to “follow me” is refused, and the reason for doing so is money. “It will be very hard for the wealthy to enter God’s kingdom,” Jesus says to his disciples as the man sorrowfully departs. Still, with God all things are possible.

Following Jesus is no easy matter. Sometimes there are conflicting loyalties. We provide for others, but when is it my turn? Sometimes discipleship is a struggle to figure out what Jesus wants me to do. Is Jesus telling me to give away all that I have? Sometimes following Jesus means I am insecure with my relationship to him after listening to him when he says things like that. Will I be able to enter God’s kingdom?

A little further past this reading, Peter says, “See, we’ve left everything and followed you!” (vs. 28). We don’t know how much the disciples gave up, but we know they are still following Jesus, even after he said tough things and demanded tough things from them.

Congratulations, you have not given up and walked away from Jesus! You are still walking with him, like Peter and many others. Rejoice, for with God, all things are possible, even for someone like you, someone like me, both in our misunderstandings, to go with Jesus into God’s kingdom. Amen.