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16th Sunday after Pentecost September 20th 2020

Anchored in Scripture...Sharing Life in Christ

Welcome to worship! A special welcome to any visitors worshipping here this morning. So that we connect and keep in touch with our visitors, we have "connect cards". Please ask an Usher for assistance. May God bless all of us as we hear God's word read, proclaimed, and offered in Holy Communion! May we offer our own praise and thanksgiving to God with honest and joyful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

Welcome to the Lord's Table: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Jesus offered in Holy Communion (The Eucharist). We invite all baptized Christians who confess their sin before God, affirm Jesus' presence in this meal, and rejoice in God's forgiveness offered to us to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually commune or are awaiting instruction in the meaning of this sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

Distribution of Communion:

<u>Distribution</u>- Pastor Metze and the Altar Guild explored many ways to administer communion faithfully and safely. The following was decided:

- Consecrated wine will be poured directly into bottles designed to easily pour wine into our plastic cups.
- Consecrated communion wafers will be distributed directly from the packaging.
- Gluten-free wafers are available for communion upon request.

 Please advise an usher or altar guild member before service begins.
- Pastor Metze, the assisting minister and all other communion assistants will be wearing gloves.
- A separate team will commune those attending the worship in the parking lot.

Logistics

- Every communicant will secure a plastic cup on the way to the front to receive a wafer from Pastor Metze followed by wine from an assistant.
- We will distribute communion by sections starting with the family section, then the couple's section and finally the singles section.

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand if you are able.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

APOSTOLIC 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

After the reading the congregation responds as follows.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-13*

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?
- When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled and fell.
- ³ Though an army should en- | camp against me,* yet my heart shall not | be afraid;
- ⁴ And though war should rise | up against me,* yet will I put my | trust in him.
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the Lord; one | thing I seek;* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life;
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty | of the Lord * and to seek him | in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- | on a rock.

⁸ Even now he lifts | up my head* above my enemies | round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of great gladness;*

I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, | when I call; *

have mercy on me and | answer me.

- ¹¹You speak in my heart and say, | "Seek my face." * Your face, Lord, | will I seek.
- 12Hide not your | face from me, *

nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away; * do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹... {F}or I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C:



Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹ {Jesus said,} "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' 16So the last will be first, and the first last."

After the Gospel reading, the Pastor says "The Gospel of the Lord".

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C:



SERMON

Rev. Mark A. Metze

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day:Blest Are They

APOSTLES' CREED

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 INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers and the congregation responds.

A: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

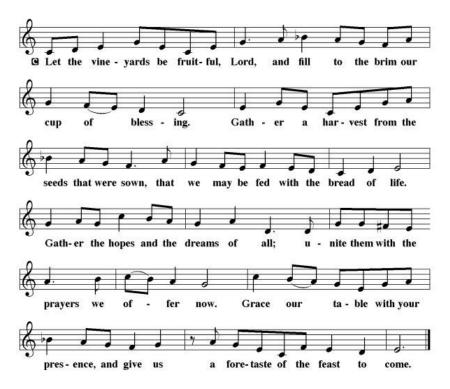
OFFERING

Musical Offering

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



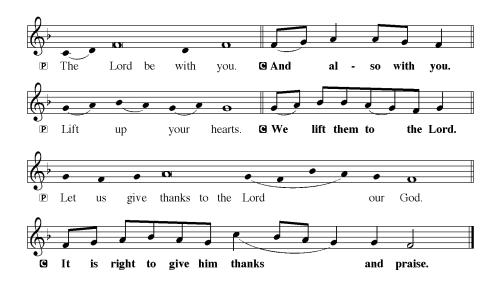
OFFERTORY PRAYER:

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds.

A: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

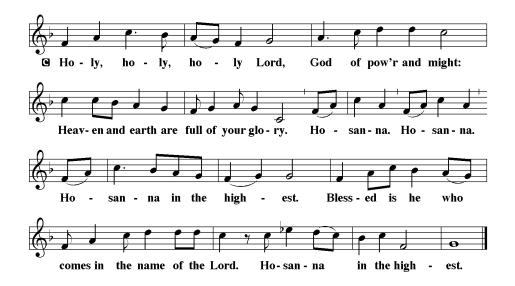
DIALOGUE — THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



PREFACE

The Preface is led by the Pastor.

SANCTUS:



PRAYER

The Pastor begins with "Blessed are you..."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

P: We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.

C: We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to abide in the body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Pastor begins with "In the night..."

LORD'S PRAYER:

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:

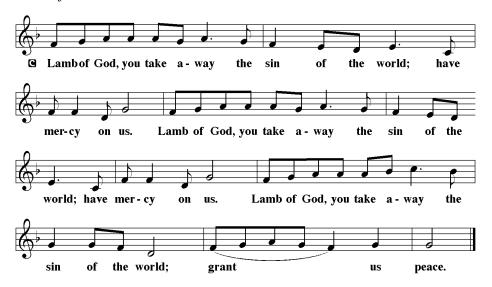
All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for communion. Others may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms to identify that you wish to be blessed.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

As directed by the Ushers.

Hymns during Distribution:

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn #2 on the next page

O Living Bread from Heaven



Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Man of Sorrows (Communion Hymn)

Verse 1
Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God

Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh that rugged cross my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out hallelujah Praise and honour unto Thee

Verse 3

Sent of heaven God's own Son To purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree

Bridge

Now my debt is paid It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh is free indeed

Verse 4 See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb Hallelujah God be praised

He's risen from the grave

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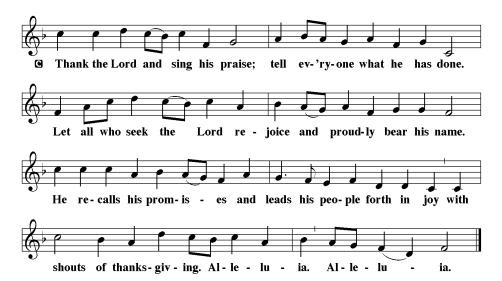
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

Please stand if you are able

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

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

A: Let us pray.

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds

C: Amen

BLESSING:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised

SENDING:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Blest Are They



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O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Prayer List

<u>Health & Healing:</u> Eduardo ,Art Butler, Suzy Lutz, Julie Stegelvik, Mike Ogle, Nancy and Jim Reece, Janet Everette, Stephanie Gigliotti's Mom and family, all those suffering from the storm damage and the daily trials of life.

<u>Homebound</u>: Carolyn Buddemeier, Jean Clarke, Henrietta Conlin, Theresa Dearborn, Audrey Gilbert, Alice Johnson, Peggy Martin, & Betty Strohl.

Military Deployed & Their Families: LCDR Brennin Colegrove

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregation of the Week: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millersburg, PA

Youth Sponsored Children: Joseph and Muluken.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m — 3:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday — Closed

Saturday — Closed

Sunday — Closed

The Office Administrator is available via email

For Congregation Members

| Name(s): |
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| Message for Pastor or Office Administrator (including changes to phone number, email or address) |
| Prayer Request: |

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



Click on the link below to schedule an appointment

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=AELC

Friday, September 25, 2020 Noon to 6pm

Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church

Questions or to volunteer to help on September 25, please contact dyatsuk418@gmail.com.





Help save a life.

Schedule your blood donation appointment today.

Utilizing Space for Meetings & Activities

If you have a need to utilize any of our church spaces and/or resources for meetings or activities, please contact the church office to reserve the space and time. This ensures that there are no space/time conflicts, and that someone is here to facilitate your needs. Contact us via phone at 443 -837-6436 or via e-mail at church@annapolislutheran.org.

The Crafting Group

The Crafting Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is September 22. Please bring any craft and join us to work on that while enjoying good conversation. If you don't have any current projects, we also have Bible journaling materials

From the Quilters

As we probably will not be meeting in the sanctuary for some time and will be unable to have the quilts in December in the sanctuary, the Quilters will begin displaying some of the "better" quilts for sale on Sundays in the gym, and weather permitting, in the portico for those who don't wish to come inside. We will also have available several traditionally made quilts in different sizes than our usual 60" by 80" quilts. This is the only means the Quilters have to earn funds for supplies, so any support is greatly appreciated. Look for the quilts beginning **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER** 13.

Bring Light to the Children of Africa

OGT has been shipping solar lights (brand name Luci lights) to areas with no electricity in the homes. The next shipments will be to South Sudan and Liberia. These lights allow the children to study when they would otherwise not be able to do so. You can help by donating \$10 toward the purchase of Luci lights. A \$10 light can mean so much to these children and their families. Look for the donation jar and posters on **Sundays in September** at the gym door or place a check in the offering plate made out to OGT with "Luci Light" on the memo line.