



First Lutheran Church

Welcome ~ We're glad you are here!

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Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

PRELUDE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Good God Almighty

Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me Praising Your Name no matter what comes.

I can't count the times I've called Your name some broken night. And You showed up and patched me up like You do ev'ry time. I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around. Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

Chorus: Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me Praising Your Name no matter what comes. 'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy So I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs. Tell me, is He good? (He's good.) Tell me, is He God? (He's God) He is Good God Almighty.

You say Your love goes on forever, that Your mercy never stops. So why would I assume You'd be somebody that You're not. Like sun in the morning, I know You're gonna be there every day. So what on earth could make me be afraid? **Chorus**

Praise Him in the morning, praise Him in the noon time, Praise Him when the sun goes down. Love Him in the morning, love Him in the noon time, Love Him when the sun goes down. **Chorus**

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time, Jesus when the sun goes down. Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noon time, Jesus when the sun goes down.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P/C: Merciful God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, 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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest. Your name is the greatest. Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, all pow'rs and positions, Your name stands above them all.

Chorus: And the angels cry, Holy, all creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, holy, holy forever!

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed, Sing the song forever to the Lamb. If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name, Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen.

**Chorus 2: And the angels cry, Holy, all creation cries, Holy! You are lifted high, holy, holy forever!
Hear your people sing, holy! To the King of Kings, Holy! You will always be, holy, holy forever!**

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You will always be, holy, holy forever!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, **you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53: 4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 91:9-16

R: Because you have made the Lord your refuge the Most High your dwelling place,

C: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

R: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

R: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

C: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

R: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

C: With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized," ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Roy Hammerling

SONG THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712, vs 1, 3-4

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

C: 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 OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

October: Churches United - Moorhead

OFFERING & OFFERTORY SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW #473

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P/C: Loving God, receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing & Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart. Father, let Your kingdom come. Father, let Your will be done On Earth as in Heaven, right here in my heart.

Chorus: Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us, forgive us As we forgive the ones who sinned against us, forgive them. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us From the evil one. Let Your kingdom come.

Repeat verse and chorus.

It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours. It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours. It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. The kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours. It's Yours, it's Yours, all Yours, all Yours. Forever and ever, the kingdom is Yours.

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SENDING P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSOFFERING. Reminder that during the month of October & November the WELCA are collecting a special "Thanksoffering" which supports the ongoing women's ministries of the ELCA.

HIGH SCHOOL FREE PIZZA LUNCH. High Schoolers - Join the Pastors each month for a FREE pizza lunch. Because of the MEA break, the October lunch has been rescheduled for **October 24**. See you there!

HIGH SCHOOL HANG OUT. The October High School Hang Out will meet on **October 27** at 4:30 pm @ Voyager Lanes for bowling! Cost: FREE—sweet! Bring a friend!

UNDERSTANDING AND DISMANTLING RACISM. On Sunday, October 27 & November 3, Pr. Roy Hammerling will lead sessions from 9:30 — 10:30 am, in the FLC Chapel. These sessions lead off the 2024/25 theme for upcoming Adult Faith Formation sessions: "*Learning to Love and Serve Our Neighbors.*"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONS. Do you feel like you are rushing from one task to another? Are you always busy with something that just can't wait? Is it difficult to find a space where God can allow "something" new to take place? If so, take a break from the craziness of life for a time of connections on Wed from 6:30 –7:30 pm in the library

HIGH SCHOOL: RAPID CITY TRIP. There will be an informational meeting about next summer's trip to Rapid City. The meeting will take place on Sunday, November 3 at noon and is open to all youth who are currently in grade 9-12.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE. The Children's Christmas Store will be back again this year! The date has been set for Saturday, December 7. The store is currently accepting donations of new or gently used gifts, and gift cards and gift bags and boxes for wrapping gifts. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschied,
Cole Woltjer, Elyda Handegard,
Joyce Gilbertson, Jake Netland,
Tina Moe, Ryder Schmidt, Glenette
Olson, Pam Bergeson

Names are kept on the prayer list for 3 weeks; please update the office if you wish to remain on the list longer.

CREATION CARE NOTE

Do not use your toilet as a wastebasket. Anything that is toxic or does not break down safely could end up in your soil and drinking water. Pick up after pets.

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