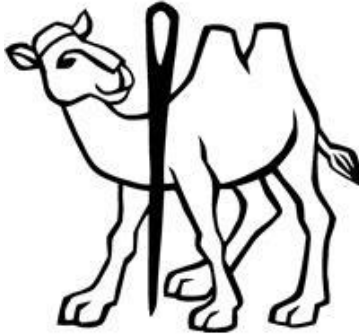


20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Preparation / Prelude

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

God our comforter, **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze on abundance and see scarcity. We look away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn # **878 Soli Deo Gloria**

- 1 O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
you are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

- 2 All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
to sing the new reign where mighty fall;
with them may we live your gospel call:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

- 3 All praise for music, deep gift profound,
through hands and voices in holy sound;
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,
with all creation one song we raise:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!
- 4 All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
through word and witness, in bread and wine;
incarnate love song of boundless grace,
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!
- 5 A billion voices in one great song,
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!

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Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray, **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

Children's Time

First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job answered [his friend:] "Today also my complaint is bitter; [God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 10:7-31

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 10th Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord!**

As [Jesus] 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.’”²⁰ 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.” The gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon: “Lament”

Hymn of the Day: # 703 O God, Why Are You Silent

1 O God, why are you silent?
I cannot hear your voice;
the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice;

you promised you would hold me
with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me,
and ease the pain I bear.

2 My hope lies bruised and battered,
my wounded heart is torn;
my spirit spent and shattered
by life's relentless storm;
will you not bend to hear me,
my cries from deep within?
Have you no word to cheer me
when night is closing in?

3 Through endless nights of weeping,
through weary days of grief,
my heart is in your keeping,
my comfort, my relief.
Come, share my tears and sadness, come,
suffer in my pain, oh, bring me home to gladness,
restore my hope again.

4 May pain draw forth compassion,
let wisdom rise from loss;
oh, take my heart and fashion the image of your cross;
then may I know your healing
through healing that I share,
your grace and love revealing,
your tenderness and care.

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Apostles' Creed:

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 Intercession:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. We pray especially for *Ashley, Dylan, Larry, Algot, Michelle, Eldon, Norma, Priscilla, Mary Jo, Herb, Scott, Dave, Jim, Calvin, Shirley, Della, Mark, Anna, Tom, Kristen, and all those we name now before you whether out loud or in our hearts...* Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering:

The ministry of Our Savior's continues and thanks to your generosity, and God's work continues through all of us! Offering can be received either by mailing it to the church at N6450 530th St. Beldenville, WI 54003, dropping it off, online at oursaviorschurch.info under the "give" tab, or simply text your donation amount to 833-506-0632 and follow the instructions on your phone to complete your donation.

Offering Prayer:

Let us pray, God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Communion:

At this time, get out the communion elements you received when you arrived as we gather for the Eucharist.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

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

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give our thanks and praise to you, Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who overcame death for our sake and opened the way to everlasting life.

We remember his commands, and we come to the table in remembrance of his mercy. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me," and again after supper he took the cup, he 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 in remembrance of me." Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming in glory. Pour out the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share in this heavenly food, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now let us pray our Christian table 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.**

Each person takes first the bread, then the wine, and we receive it together.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Blessing:

May the peace of Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into God's doors. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: # 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Dismissal: Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Ashley Hinrichs, Dylan, Larry Young, Algot Anderson, Michelle Bartkey, Eldon Schellfeffer, Norma Taplin, Priscilla Schoeneck, Mary Jo Bjork, Herb Nelson, Scott Kiefer, Dave Radatz, Jim Hauschildt, Calvin Boe, Shirley Nickel, Della Larson, Mark Kiefer, Tom Dachel, Anna Walentowski, and Kristen Anderson.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Announcements:

Sunday October 10th 9am In-door Worship, Livestream Worship, **10am** Coffee hour (cinnamon roll Sunday, Omar Coulson), 10am Sunday School Hour

Saturday October 16th 8am MIM Meeting

Sunday October 17th 9am In-door Worship, Livestream Worship, **10am** Coffee hour (MIM), No Sunday School Hour

College Kits: I am gearing up for a year of care-packages to are far-away (and not so far away) college youth! I will send care packages approximately 3 times per year and I would love to catch as many of Our Savior's Youth as I can.

Please send address changes to kits4college@gmail.com so I can update my information and can get the college youth their kits in late October. Thank you Patrica

"Once Upon a Library" Gala - October 23, 2021: Plan to attend a once-in-a-lifetime gala event to celebrate and financially support the Ellsworth Public Library. The "Once Upon a Library" event will take place virtually with silent and premier auctions, a fund-a-need drive, and pledge, October 19-23. Events will culminate with an in-person grand gala on Saturday, October 23 to be held pre-construction in the future home of the library at 388 Main Street in Ellsworth!

The building's fundraising campaign is in the final phase; however, it's the funds from this event that will finance the furnishings and exterior landscaping. The event hopes to raise \$200,000 to cover these additional costs and make the new library a source of pride in our community for generations to come.

It's sure to be the social event of the year for our community! For more information, to make a donation, or purchase gala tickets, visit: www.friendsofepl.org/gala



Operation Christmas Child: Kick-off Sunday will be on October 31st. with coffee hour after church for Operation Christmas Child. Collection Sunday is November 14th. To do a shoebox use a standard size shoebox. Now how to fill the shoebox.

"Wow" items: soccer ball with pump, doll, shoes, stuffed animals, **Toy items:** cars, jump ropes, yo-yo's, toys that light up with extra batteries. **Personal items:** toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes, wash clothes, bars of soap. **School items:** pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, tablets, paper, coloring books, story books, solar calculator.

Accessories: socks, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with extra batteries.

DO NOT SEND: candy, gum, toothpaste, scary or war liked items, seeds, lotions, food, medications, liquids, vitamins, breakable items, glass containers, aerosol cans.

Donation for shipping a shoe box is \$9.

Remember coffee hour on October 31st. Will have brochures on how to pack a shoebox there. If anyone has questions feel free to call me at 715-273-4398. If I don't answer please leave a message. If you want you can mail donations to me at: W6352 610th Ave. Ellsworth, WI 54011. Thank-you! Peggy Hoyer

Youth News!

Who Wants Cinnamon Rolls! The delicious cinnamon rolls will be available Today after Worship. This is a Youth Fundraiser.

Confirmation Hour: Wednesday October 13th 7-8pm.

Sign-up for Fall Youth Craft Day: Sunday October 17th at Brush Strokes in Ellsworth from 11am – 2pm. Come and create a craft for \$10.00, to sell and earn money for your youth account. Sign-up sheet is located on the youth bulletin board in the Narthex.

Mark your calendars! I would like to invite all youth in 1st through 5th grade, along with their friends, to join me for S.O.S. Kids Crew on Wednesday October 20th from 4-5:30pm.

Wear your SOS t-shirt! All kids are able to ride bus route #16. Please remember to send a note to school saying that your child will be riding bus route #16 to Church. If you prefer to drive your child, have them to church by 4pm. A snack will be provided.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering: Deadline to sign-up is October 20th. All Youth in grades 8th -12th are encouraged to attend this once in a lifetime transformational faith experience. This will take place at the US Bank Stadium in Minneapolis MN on Sunday July 24th - 28th. The Sign -up sheet and registration forms are on the youth bulletin board located in the narthex.

Scripture Calendars are available to purchase on the youth table downstairs for \$7.00. Thank you for supporting our 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering!

LUTEFISK WORK SCHEDULE 2021

Look over the schedule of duties needed to be done for our Lutefisk Carry-Out Supper. Mark those times you would be available to help and the committee will contact you for the time you are needed.

Drop off form at the church or call the office 715-273-4570.

Name _____

Phone # _____ or Cell _____

Tuesday, Oct 26

_____ 9 a.m. Meatball forming and frying

_____ Noon Gravy Making

_____ 4 p.m. Packing Meatball & Gravy into containers

Wednesday, Oct 27

_____ 7 a.m. Grøt making

_____ 2 p.m. Cole Slaw Making - Bag lefse/sandbakkels

_____ 3 p.m. Filling containers -grøt & coleslaw

_____ 6 - 8 p.m. Bagging orders

Thursday Oct 28

_____ 12:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Carry-Out Crew - 2 people

_____ 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Carry-Out Crew - 2 people

_____ 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Carry-Out Crew. - 2 people