

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOSTAUGUST 6, 2023

WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... Kristal Sneed

+GATHERING+

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, who greets us in this and every day, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: We open our hearts and minds to the creative mystery of the universe that fills all of time and space, acknowledging that we live peacefully in the presence of unconscionable evil and disgraceful injustice. Open us today to receive your truth of justice and mercy for all. Deliver us from distracting superstitions and be born again into a faith rooted in reality, so that we may become followers of the WAY of Jesus, disciples of radical compassion and peace with justice.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *"We Come to the Hungry Feast"*.....#479

MORNING PRAYER

P: Please join with me in the prayer of the day:

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the spiritual food of wisdom that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:1-5

Yo, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so

that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

You watch over all those who love you,

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;

let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, Jewish and Gentiles and the whole world, One God blessed forever. Amen.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "*CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD*"#801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 14:13-21

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “*God Gave Us Everything and Then Some*” Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY “*All Earth is Hopeful*”#266

APOSTLES 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 sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. ...Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let’s share Christ’s peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY SONG: “*GIVE THANKS*”

C: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN "*Will You Let me Be Your Servant*" ...vs. 1&2#659

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PEACE (*You may join hands.*)

C: My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.