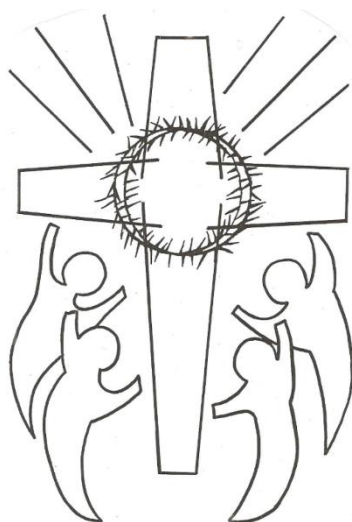




20th Sunday
After Pentecost
October 6, 2024



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

1100 West Platte Avenue

Fort Morgan

Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Ruby Narucki

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

October 6, 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Service of the Word – ELW year B

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning. We thank God for sending you to Our Redeemer. Visitors, please sign the guest book in the entryway.

Please be seated.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity

and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God. **Word of life.**

Psalm: Psalm 8

Read responsively.

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

**⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is,

we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male

and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Ruby Narucki

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

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.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers conclude with:

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:

Peace be with you.

THANKSGIVING

Please be seated.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, and the care of those in need!

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY

ELW 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Please be seated.

OFFERING PRAYER

**Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray together.

**O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way
through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us**

to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

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.

SENDING

Please stand if you are able.

BLESSING

God all mighty,

God most merciful

✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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SONG OF PEACE

You may join hands.

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.

PRAYERS

Steven Kidder, Brandy Ernst, Ron and Kay Seiler, Roxie Larson, Nichole Woodward niece of Delette Woodward, June Martin's sons Matthew & David, John Strauch, Randi Warbasse, Dayle Neddo, Jessa & Taylor Pickering, Andrei, Joanna & Atlas, Nicoleta and Rebecca, James, Sidonia and their children, Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Callie Sidor, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, and Luke Makings.

Let us pray for those who mourn the passing of Delora Ticnor and, also, the passing of Kate Barnes.

Let us pray for those serving in the military, and our first responders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deepen your discipleship, volunteer for a Worship Service as Greeters/Ushers, Lectors, Assistant Ministers, Acolytes and Hospitality. Bless you for your participation!

Sign up to Bring Flowers on Sunday. If you sign up to BRING flowers, please arrive early so they can be placed in vases. Bless you and thank you for your participation.

CALENDAR

October 6 – Finance Meeting	LCOR	8:30
October 6 – Church Council Meeting	Following the church service	
October 9 – WELCA Bible Study	Elsie Menken, hostess	9:30
October 19 – Church Clean Up	Lunch provided	9:00-1:00
October 26 – FM/LCOR Trunk or Treat		12:00-2:00
October 26 – Grief Support Group at LCOR		12:00-1:30

Disciples Serving in Today's Worship Service

Acolyte	Wanda Rosten
Alter Guild	*****
Council Steward	Karen Liston
Greeters/Ushers	Carol Foos
Fellowship Host	Delette Woodward
Flowers	People of LCOR
Lector	Roxie Larson
Media Center	Stefanie Liston
Organist	Diane Nicklas
Presider	Rev. Ruby Narucki
Tellers	Carol Foos

Disciples Serving in Next Week's Worship Service

Acolyte	Wanda Rosten
Alter Guild	Wanda Rosten
Council Steward	Karen Liston
Greeters/Ushers	Bob & Margie Dorn
Fellowship Host	Bob & Margie Dorn
Flowers	People of LCOR
Lector	Wanda Rosten
Media Center	Stefanie Liston
Organist	Diane Nicklas
Presider	Rev. Ruby Narucki
Tellers	Margie Dorn

For Pastoral care emergencies, please contact Pastor Ruby at 303.653.2533.

Pastor Ruby's general schedule: *Please note: this schedule is subject to change.*

Monday - Spiritual Renewal

Tuesday - In LCOR office

Wednesday - Available at home office (303) 653.2533 marucki@comcast.net

Thursday & Friday - Weekend

Saturday - Sermon preparation

Sunday - Worship and fellowship

Karen Liston, Administrative Assistant

Tuesday-Thursday, 10:30-2:30

Church Council

President - Karen Temple

Vice President - Jeff Edwards

Secretary – Karen Liston

Marian Robertson

Kay Johnson

Kay Carter

Pastor Ruby Narucki

“What is impossible for people is possible with God.” Luke 18:27