

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ RUSSELL, KS

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10, 2021 - 10:30 am

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.



TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters..... Gerald & Mary Mai (N Door), Judy Holmes (S Door)
Ushers Gerald & Mary Mai
Musician..... Sandy Krug
Acolytes Tytin Bay and Dominick Hernandez
Liturgist..... Judy Homes
Lector..... Judy Holmes
Altar Guild Barbara Krug, Pam Gudenkauf,
Gina Langhofer, Janet Peerman, Crecia Reeves

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021 ~ 10:30 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

COMING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

(Congregation may stand as able)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”; Verses 1 - 3
LBW #415



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

GREETING

L: 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Generous God,

C: 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.

(Congregation may be seated)

READING OF THE FIRST LESSON: AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ⁸They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 90:12-17

L: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.

L: Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

L: Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

C: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

READING OF THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Since, 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Congregation may stand as able)

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 10, verses 17-31

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [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?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You 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.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, 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.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It 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.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus

looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus 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, ³⁰who 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. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Congregation may be seated)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Small Our Span of Life"; Verses 1, 3, and 4

ELW #636



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:

3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch - ing of a breath,
to share the short - ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
il - lu - min - ing our pil - grim - age through mists of doubt and fears;



a drop with - in the o - cean's deep, a grain up - on the shore,
You filled your cross - closed years with love; you loved us to the end
for hope that sees a life be - yond the swift - ly pass - ing days;



a flash of light be - fore we sleep to see the sun no more.
and touch us with your ris - en life that ours may time trans - cend.
for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KINGSFOLD, English traditional

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THE SERMON

(Congregation may stand as able)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 to the dead. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

*The congregation will extend to one another the greeting of peace -
we will not be passing the peace.*

C: The LORD be with you all. And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in 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.

OFFERTORY



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.

3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

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P: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN..... "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"; Verses 1 - 2
LBW #281



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark - ness and light:
 2 And when morn a - gain shall call us to run life's way,
 3 Guard us wak-ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav-en, all - ho - ly Son,



you the day for work have giv - en, for rest the night.
 may we still, what - e'er be - fall us, your will o - bey.
 may we in your might - y keep-ing all peace - ful lie.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, blest Three in One:



May your an - gel guards de - fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer - cy send us,
 From the pow'r of e - vil hide us, in the nar - row path - way guide us,
 When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,
 grant us grace, we now im - plore you, till we lay our crowns be - fore you



ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us all through the night.
 nev - er be your smile de - nied us all through the day.
 but to reign in glo - ry take us with you on high.
 and in wor - thier strains a - dore you while a - ges run.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, st. 1, alt.; William Mercer, 1811–1873, sts. 2, 4, alt.; Richard Whately, 1787–1863, st. 3, alt.
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **10:30 service will be broadcast** on KRSL 990 AM and KRSL 98.1 FM; and on Nex-Tech Cable Channel 130 in memory of Clarence and Frances Wagner.

Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will be available for members and visitors. Please place your **yellow communion/prayer request cards** in the provided offering tray as you leave the sanctuary.

The family of **Robert & Lyla Schmitt** welcome everyone to a come and go **60th Anniversary** celebration on Saturday October 16 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Chet's Place (713 N. Main, Russell). No gifts, please - just your presence! Cards may also be sent to: Robert & Lyla Schmitt, 17655 4-Corners Rd, Gorham KS 67640.

Pastor Teri will be attending the ELCA Central State Synod Fall Theological Conference October 11-14. Pastor will be departing Russell early Sunday afternoon and returning late Thursday afternoon. For pastoral care this week, please contact PMA John Dumler.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PRESENCE:

Care Center Residents

Larry Bernard
Caroline Chatham
Debbie Dumler
Twyla Ehrlich
Robert Groff
DJ Kuhn
Katie Northcutt
Vernon Radke
John Seay
Kenny Strachan
Janice Vanderbur
Darlene Woelk

Homebound Members

Faye Brunner
Richard Craven
John Dumler III
Cari Estep
Cheryl Harrison
Richard Krug
Mary Parkhurst
Thurlene Ruggels
Gladys Standley
Kaden Towery
Mike Waymaster
Richard & Karleen Wolf

Charles Bayles

DeAnna Carter
Barbara Dietz
Nancy Dunning
Wayne & Janet Funk
Doug Karst
Joetta Mai
Penny Radke
Keven Schneider
Janice Stoppel
Mary Ulrich
Kristen Windscheffel
Samantha Woods

Connie David (daughter-in-law of Pat David); **Dwaine Flegler** (brother-in-law of Juanita Flegler); **Kevin Gregg** (nephew of Kayla Meyer); **Cathy McClain** (friend of Ruth & Dean Keil and Juanita Flegler); **Martha Mink** (sister of Margaret Finkbeiner); **Virginia Mitchell** (sister of Bonnie Beuhler); **Brennan Soukup** (grandson of Tina Schaad-Claussen)

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, 10/11..... 10:00 am.....Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:30 am.....Heart2Home Deliveries

Tuesday, 10/12..... 1:30 pm..... Sewing Circle

Wednesday, 10/13 6:30 pm.....425 Youth Group (Junior/Senior High)
6:30 pm.....St. John Ringers
7:30 pm.....Agape Choir

Thursday, 10/14 TBD.....Executive Council Meeting

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Saturday, 10/16 6:00 pm..... Worship

Sunday, 10/17 8:15 am.....Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 am..... Sunday School and Confirmation
10:30 am.....Worship with Holy Communion

Worship Assistants for October 16 and 17

6:00 pm Saturday: Greeter/Usher - Darold & Corine Gideon
Song Leader -
Reader -
Musician - Margaret Walter

8:15 am Sunday: Greeter/Usher - Dick & Georganna McCrary
Lector - Georganna McCrary
Musician - Sandy Krug

10:30 am Sunday: Greeter - Dean Keil (N Door)
Bonnie Buehler (S Door)
Usher - Dean Keil and Morris Krug
Acolytes - Rogan Dumler and Alex R. Krug
Liturgist - Kim Stoppel
Lector - Deb Kreutzer
Musician - Sandy Krug

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 14.....9:00 amAmerican Red Cross Blood Drive, Parish Hall
NO WALK-IN DONATIONS - APPOINTMENT ONLY
Visit redcrossblood.org