

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 10, 2021 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)
(blue and green are hymnal colors)



PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

C: so, shall we rejoice and be glad all our days

L: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;

C: prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

+**HYMN #494 (Green)** *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult (vs. 1,3,5)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: 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.

L: 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.

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.**

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 58 (Green) *Glory to God...*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: **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.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek 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! ¹⁰They 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

SECOND READING: 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.

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 10

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

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.”²⁹ 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,³⁰ 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.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

CHOIR *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

+C: Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Intern Joseph

+HYMN #487(Green) *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (vs. 1,4)*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ APOSTLE’S CREED pg. 65 (Green)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY pg. 75(Green) *Create in me a clean heart...*

+ THE PRAYERS pg. 65 (Green) (As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: “Lord in your mercy...” The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

+ THE LORD’S PRAYER pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+HYMN#495(Green) *Lead On, O King Eternal (vs.1,3)*

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 26, Prayer for acceptance

Tuesday, Revelation 8:1-5, The Saints' prayers before God

Wednesday, Obadiah 17-21, The disposed shall possess the land

Thursday, Psalm 91:9-16, The Most High, your refuge

Friday, Isaiah 47:1-9, Throneless nations

Saturday, Luke 22:24-30, The greatness of one who serves

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: A man with great wealth was told to "... sell what you own, and give the money to the poor..." Jesus time and time again urges us to give up ourselves for the benefit of our neighbor and the Gospel message that he preaches.

What is something that you have given up for the good of the community?

What could this message mean for society as a whole?

In what ways can you continue to serve God and your neighbor?

PRAY: O God, open our eyes to those who possess less than us. Prepare our hearts in openness so you might work through us for the good of your kingdom here on Earth. Move us to do what is right for our neighbors who are so loved by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESS: 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. **Amen.**

