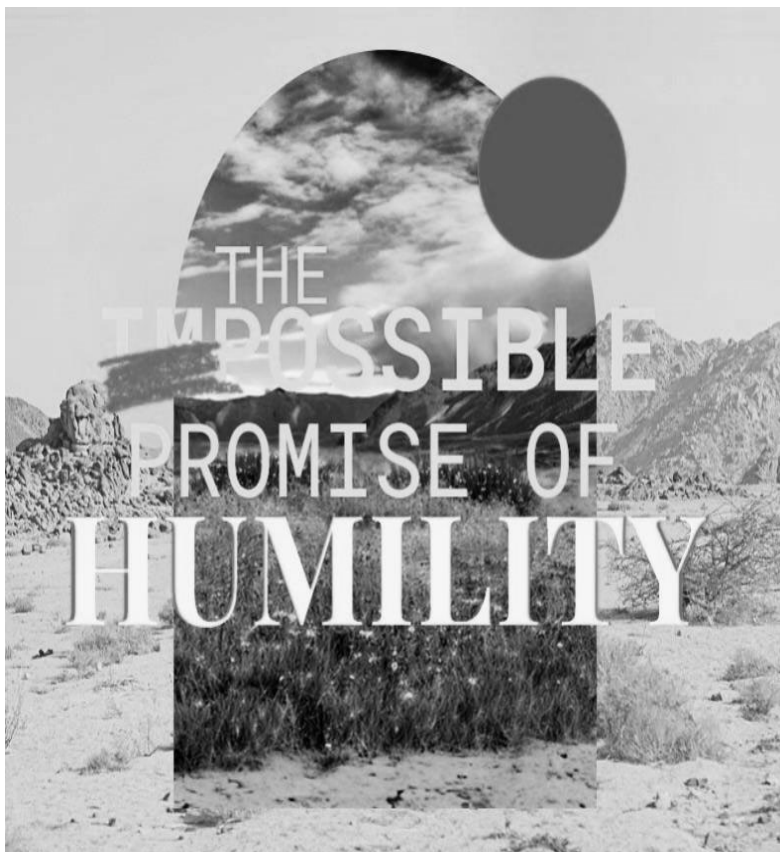


**SUNDAY- OCTOBER 20, 2024 -9:00 AM**



**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 20, 2024 | 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | 9:00 AM  
(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

## PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

*You are encouraged to use the time during the Prelude for quiet reflection and preparing for worship.*

**WELCOMING WORD** *Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.*

**OPENING HYMN: # 618** - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C - Amen.**

**L** - Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C - Amen.**

**L** - Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C - we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**L** - In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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. 138

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 140 *"This is the feast..."*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God who suffers,

**C: you are not unacquainted with pain and loss. By entering our sorrows in Jesus, you have shown us the way of self-giving love. Baptize us in the waters of your life, rooted in the cross and reaching forth to all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to

take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### **+ACCLAMATION (pg. 142)**

**(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 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM: "Here I am Lord"**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor John Twiton

**+HYMN # 818 - O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

**+NICENE CREED** pg. 104

**THE PRAYERS** pg. 143

**(As the leader concludes each petition with the words:  
"Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: Hear our prayer.)"**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY - #182** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**MEAL**

**+ 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.**

**+The Great Thanksgiving** pg. 144

**+Words of Institution**

**+ The Lord's Prayer** pg. 145 (right hand column)

**Communion Hymn: # 763 - My Life Flows on in Endless Song**

**Prayer after Communion: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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 # 825 - You Servants of God**

**+DISMISSAL**

**L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

## **DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**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 37:23-40, Exhortation to Patience and Trust

**Tuesday,** 1 Samuel 10:17-25, Saul Proclaimed King

**Wednesday,** John 13:1-17, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

**Thursday,** Psalm 126, A Harvest of Joy

**Friday** Hebrews 7:11-22, Another Priest, Like Melchizedek

**Saturday** Mark 8:22-26, Jesus Cures a Blind Man

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.”—Mark 10:43-44**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

- How are you at waiting patiently for a special day or to receive something great promised to you? (Isa 53:4)
- Which of your flaws or weaknesses help you be a more effective, compassionate leader and servant of Christ? (Heb 5:1)
- What are the toughest tasks and situations you face as a servant-leader and follower of Jesus? (Mark 10:35)

**PRAY:** Sovereign God, you are not unacquainted with pain and loss. By entering our sorrows in Jesus, you have shown us the way of self-giving love. Baptize us in the waters of your life, rooted in the cross and reaching forth to all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**BLESS:** God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. Amen.