

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Hidden Stories of the Bible" Summer Series

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

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10:30 AM



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister leads the prayer of preparation.

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.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

The service continues with gathering song.

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,
- 4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

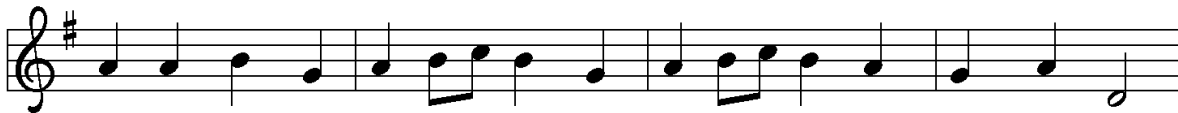
based on the Gloria in Excelsis



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 1:1, 6-10, 15-22; 2:1-10

L A reading from the book of Exodus.

Narrator:1 These are the names of Israel's sons—the ones who *traveled from Canaan and entered into Egypt with Jacob during the great famine*. Each of these men arrived in Egypt with his family:

⁶ Joseph died, and so did all of his brothers. It was not long before that entire generation was gone. ⁷ But the people of Israel were prolific; they had children easily, and their numbers increased rapidly. As their numbers grew so did their strength. Eventually, they filled the land.

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Pharaoh: *(to some of his advisors):* ⁹ Look! There are more Israelites than ever before, and they are *growing* more powerful than we are. ¹⁰ We need to be careful in our dealings with them. Otherwise, they may grow even greater in number, and in a time of war join forces with our enemies, fight against us, and then leave the land.

¹⁵ *Pharaoh*, Egypt's king, called for *some of* the Hebrew midwives. Their names were Shiphrah and Puah.

Pharaoh: ¹⁶ *Listen closely*. Whenever you are looking after a Hebrew woman who is in labor and ready to deliver, if she gives birth to a son, then kill the baby. If it is a daughter, then allow her to live.

Narrator: ¹⁷ But the midwives respected God *more than they feared Pharaoh*, so they did not carry out the Egyptian king's command. Instead, they let all the boys live. ¹⁸ When Egypt's king heard this news, he sent for the midwives.

Pharaoh: Why have you disobeyed my orders and allowed the boys to live?

Midwives: ¹⁹ Because unlike Egyptian women, Hebrew women are *hearty and energetic*, and they give birth before the midwife arrives to help.

Narrator: ²⁰ God was good to the midwives, and *under their care* the Israelite women had many more children. *Despite Pharaoh's orders*, the people of

Israel became stronger and more powerful. ²¹ Because the midwives respected God, He blessed them with families of their own. ²² In response to *the rapid growth in the Hebrew population*, Pharaoh issued a command to his people.

Pharaoh: Every boy who is born to *the Hebrews* must be thrown into the Nile, and every girl is to be left alive.

Narrator: ² *One day* a man and woman—both from the tribe of Levi—married. ² She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that her son was *healthy and beautiful*, *she feared for his safety*; so she kept him hidden from view for three whole months.

³ When she could no longer keep him hidden away, she took a basket made of reeds, sealed it with tar and pitch, and placed her baby boy in it. Then she wedged the basket among the reeds along the edge of the Nile River.

⁴ *All the while*, the child's sister watched from a distance to see what might happen to her baby brother.

⁵ *Later on* Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river while her young attendants walked along the bank *nearby*. Pharaoh's daughter noticed the basket *wedged* among the reeds *and wondered what it might contain*. So she instructed her maid to bring it to her. ⁶ When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she found the baby boy. He was crying, and her heart melted with compassion.

Pharaoh's Daughter: This is a Hebrew child.

Child's Sister (*coming out of her hiding place*): ⁷ Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for you?

Pharaoh's Daughter: ⁸ All right. *Go find a nurse*.

Narrator: So the baby's sister went and fetched his mother. *The boy's mother approached Pharaoh's daughter*.

Pharaoh's Daughter (*to the child's mother*): ⁹ *Here!* Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you *for your services*.

Narrator: So the woman took the child—*who was secretly her own son*—and nursed him *just as Pharaoh's daughter had instructed*. ¹⁰ The boy grew, and *when the time was right*, the woman brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she adopted him as her own. She named him Moses because, *as she explained*, "I took him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

based on John 6:68

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 3:3-5

The holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus [*said to Nicodemus*], ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

An assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people in need [saying Gracious God / Answer us]

We pray for the church. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for our nation and for all nations. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for peace. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for mercy. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for healing. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for good weather. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,
Answer us.

We pray for the harvest and those who depend upon it. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,

Answer us.

We pray for the woodlands and waterways. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,

Answer us.

We pray for the dying. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,

Answer us.

We pray for the things we need but do not want. [*Silence*]. Gracious God,

Answer us.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and answer them for the sake of your abundant love.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

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.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Let us offer to God what God has first given to us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Amen

An offering is received for the work of the Church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 885

We rise to sing as the offering is brought forward.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.

Let us pray together.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ISAIAH 6:6 & PSALM 118:26

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

On behalf of the assembly, the presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of Psalm 34.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Happy are those who take refuge in him.

The assembly may be seated.

CANTICLE: LAMB OF GOD

based on John 1:29



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.

You may eat the Body and drink the Blood from the cup, or you may dip the Body into the Blood before consuming them together. Alternatively, you may cross your arms in front of your chest to ask for a blessing instead of either or both elements. Those who refrain may do so trusting that Christ is fully present according to his promise.

COMMUNION SONG

A hymn may be sung or the organ may play quietly as the assembly comes forward to share in the Meal.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The presiding minister blesses those who have shared in the meal.

The true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his most precious Blood strengthen you and preserve you unto everlasting life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING

ELW 547

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling
take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who
believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and
for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer
your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will
face—
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole
human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that
we bear.

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The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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