**First Lutheran Church, Meadowlands**

## Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

## October 20, 2024 ~

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\* Confession & Forgiveness** WOV pg. 10

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

***C: Amen.***

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.***

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

P: Gracious God,

***C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***C: Amen.***

***\** Entrance Hymn *“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*** ELW #789

Vs. 1 Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.  
 In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

Vs. 2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
 keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

Vs. 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
 you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Vs. 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;  
 blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

**Greeting** *WOV pg. 28*

P: 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***WOV pg. 28*

P: Kyrie eleison:

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: Christe eleison:

***C: Christ, have mercy.***

P: Kyrie eleison:

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

**\* Hymn of Praise** *WOV pg.29*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone

are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth,

And peace to God’s people on earth.

**\* Prayer of the Day**

P: Sovereign God,

***C: you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on***

***earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us***

***desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior***

***and Lord Amen.***

**Word**

**First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

4Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5But 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.

6All 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.

7He 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.

8By 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.

9They 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.

10Yet 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.

11Out 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.

12Therefore 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.

**Psalm 91:9-16**

9Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

**10no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

11For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

**12Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.**

13You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**14I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

15They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**16With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation. You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10**

*Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.*

1Every 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. 2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; 3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So 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"; 6as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

7In 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. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**\* Gospel Acclamation** *WOV pg. 31*

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

*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.*

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38But 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?" 39They 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; 40but 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."

41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So 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. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day “On Eagle’s Wings”** ELW #787

Vs. 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow

for life  
 Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

***Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings bear you on the***

***breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of***

***his hand.***

Vs. 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring

you no

fear; under God’s wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.

***Refrain***

Vs. 3 You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by

Day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

***Refrain***

Vs. 4 For to the angels God’s given a command to

guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. ***Refrain***

And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

\* **Apostles’ Creed** *WOV pg. 33* 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 into hell.

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.

**\* The Prayers**

***Lord, listen to your children praying,*** *WOV #775*

***Lord, send your Spirit in this place;***

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.***

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

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in our love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food ability and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with comfort and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all the saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Lord, send your Spirit in this place;***

***Lord, listen to your children praying,***

***Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.***

**Meal**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**\* Offering *“Let the vineyards”*** *WOV pg. 35*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we

offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord,

and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**\* Offering Prayer**

P: Merciful God,

***C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\* Great Thanksgiving** *WOV pg. 36*P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

***C: We lift them to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

**\* Words of Institution** *WOV pg. 36*

P: 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 death, resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

***C: Amen.***

**\* Lord’s Prayer** *WOV pg. 39*

***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.***

**Communion Distribution**

**\*Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep

you in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**\* Canticle** *WOV Pg. 40*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell every-

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God,

and lead us forth in joy with shouts

Of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

**\* Prayer** WOV Pg. 41

P:Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

***C: Amen.***

**Sending**

**\* Blessing** WOV Pg. 41

P: Almighty God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Sending Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”** LBW #534

Vs.1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and

voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world re-

joices; Who, from our mother's arms, Has blest us on

our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

Vs. 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be

near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to

cheer us, And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per-

plexed, And free us from all harm In this world and the next.

Vs. 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be

given, The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest

heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-

dore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**\* Sending Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”** ELW #839

Vs.1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Vs. 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

Vs. 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**\* Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

***C: We will! Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**