



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Brenda Wicklund

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community”

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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.

**Welcome to Worship this morning. We will be sharing Holy Communion, Communion will be given two ways, you can either come up front and receive from Pastor or you can pick up the convenient cup/wafer before the service and receive at your seat.**

For Worship today, **“Let Us Enter In”** (yellow booklet)

### **Prelude**

### **First Word**

#### **“Bind Us Together”**

Bind Us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken, Bind us together Lord, Bind us together Bind us together with love There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one body, That is why I sing. Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken, Bind us together Lord, Bind us together Bind us together with love.

#### **“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful hear, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am Strong,” Let the poor say, “I am rich” Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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#### **“God, Will Make a Way”**

God will make a way where there seems to be no way, He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side, With love and strength for each new day. He will Make a way, He will make a way.

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**“Make Me a Servant”**

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me life up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.

**“Here I Am to Worship”**

1 Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

*Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You’re my God. And You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

2 King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth Your created, all for love’s sake became poor.

*Refrain: So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You’re my God. And You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.*

3 And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. And I’ll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross.

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**Welcome and Announcements**

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**Ringing of the Bell and Lighting of Candles**

**Confession of Sins**

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**Invocation “In the name of God our Maker” on pg. 1**

**“Let Us Enter In”**

**Opening Song: “Come let us worship our God” pg. 1**

**“Let Us Enter In”**

**Kyrie on pg. 2**

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**Song of Praise on page 2**

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**Salutation on page 3**

**“Let Us Enter In”**

**Prayer of Day**

**Sovereign God, 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.**

**Welcome New Members- Affirmation by Assembly**

**Red Worship Book pg. 237**

L; You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The assembly makes affirmation:*

**C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

L: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C: do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

L: us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*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.*

**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.

*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.*

**Second Lesson: 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.

#### **Alleluia on page 4**

#### **“Let Us Enter In”**

*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.*

#### **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.”

#### **Children’s Sermon**

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#### **Sermon “Oh, James and John:” Mark 10:35-45**

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Grace mercy and peace to you from God our Father and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

If we were to take this text and critique it, we have a whole bunch to say about James and John, right? They just do not seem to get the point of what is going on. A little context from the Gospel of Mark when it was written, the first to be get the Good News of Jesus Christ out, in the midst of total chaos. At the time, Jerusalem was taken over, those in power had military strength, and there were revolutionaries all over and much humiliation for many people. Their power was gone and being on the other side of tyranny was important for them, as they were licking their wounds.

Previous to our reading Jesus has yet again taken the disciples aside and “they were amazed and afraid” (Mark 10:32-34). He told them he would be put to death, mocked, spit upon, flogged and killed. Descriptive and for the third time, Jesus tells them what will happen. James and John want to be on top of this new kingdom with Jesus, yet maybe in a different way. Jesus does not tell them no, yet he tells them they do not have a clue what will happen. They say they can do it and Jesus says this baptism that is coming forward will come with heartaches and hard times. That this cup all will be drinking will not be easy. Of course it does not end here, as the rest of the disciples are mad at those two. Someone said that that is normal to want to be in charge and conversations lead to this sometimes. When power takes over, expectations are high.

Yet, we may not be able to jump on the blame wagon so easily. We can picture ourselves right now in this time and place. The last twenty months the world has been turned upside down. James and John have witnessed miracles and listened to his teaching. Their world was turning around and not in the way they wanted. They have heard the three passion predictions from Jesus. They have heard as Jesus hinted this is not going to be easy. Doing what humans do best, hoping and praying that world has not and will not change as much or more than it already has (Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis).

We are there, correct? Hoping for no more change and less chaos. Maybe we are more like James and John then we thought. We want sameness, comfortable; have things the way they were. Or at the very least, if





*Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”  
Romans 15:7*

*We welcomed the following new members at Worship today:*

*Jacob, Amanda, Isaac And Edward Roubinekk. Sponsors are Richard and Pat Anderson.*

*Dana Kerfeld. Sponsor is Kathryn Souer..*

*Ben and Alyssa Vickstroms. Sponsors are Tim and Mindy Johnson.*

*Amy, Jamie, Owen and Landon Johnson. Sponsors are Richard and Pat Anderson.*



**\*\*The Noisy offering this month is for The Blessing Box, there will be a bowl as you exit the church.**

**Next Week’s Readings and Psalm**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 53:4-12**

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 5:1-10**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 91:9-16**

**Gospel**

**Mark 10:35-45**

**Announcements/Calendar**

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC/First Word/New Members join; Church Council after Worship.

**Mon.** November Newsletter Deadline.

**Tues.** 9:30 am Women’s Bible Study; 1:15 pm Pastor at Elderwood.

**Wed.** NO CONFIRMATION, FiA, WORSHIP OR YOUTH GROUP-MEA.

**Thurs.** 8 am Men’s Text Study..

**Sat.** 8 pm AA mtg.

**Sun.** 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 am Worship/HC.



**Prayer Concerns and Sympathy** ~ Marie Sigler (niece of Virgil Seegebarth), (David (brother of Colleen Volden), Gracie Edin, Debra Hocum (Kathryn Souer's daughter-in-laws mother), Yvonne Guphill, Bonnie Carlson (Donna Martin's friend), Ken Carlson (brother-in-law of Don Peterson), Joy Burch, Drew (Mindy's brother), Vicki Marks, Colton Thompson, Reverend Norm Belland, Don Storlie (father of Jeremy Storlie), Brie Timms (sister-in-law of Peggy Smith), Kim Reisig (sister-in-law of Amy Tvedt), Tyler (son of Jan Peura), Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeny), Pearl Anderson (sister of Joyce Seegebarth), and John Bassett.

**For our members in care facilities** ~ Ruta Kalnins and Dorothy Svendsen.

**For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military.**

**For world peace. For our companion synods.**

**For our missionaries:** Jacqueline and Patrick Becncke

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>-6:30 pm All Boards**

**Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>- 5-7 pm-FiA and Youth Group-activity is Trunk or Treat. (Confirmation youth to participate and volunteer) and NO 6:30 pm WORSHIP.**

**Friday, November 5-Prep for Soup/Sandwich/ Craft Bake Sale**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am- 1:30 pm Soup/Salad/Bake Sale at Church**

**Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>-All Saints Day/Daylight Saving Ends**