



For many are called,
but few are chosen."
Matthew 22:14

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023



UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES
Oct. 29 – Reformation Sunday

WORSHIP LEADERS

	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Preacher		Dcn. Arica Demme
Assit. Min./ Comm. Assit.	Kim Wittel	Judy Mills
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Livestream	Mark Wisler/ Judy & Lee Mills	Clarence Clark/ Marianne Burkholder
Communion Prayers	Fred & Crystal Lepley	Marianne Burkholder/ Claire Tito
Nursery/Class ages 4-5	Melissa Cuff/ Susie Kramer	Crystal Lepley/ Susie Kramer

Oct. 8, 2023
ATTENDANCE - 65

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me w/ Deep River* arr. Erinn Schwarz

The assembly stands (if able)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b; [18-20]

P: 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

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. *[John 20:19-23]*

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain
F

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

F B^b C⁷ Dm B^b F C⁷ F

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

F F B^b F C F C

1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You'll hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der-ground,
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,

F Dm B^b C Dm B^b F C⁷ F *Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

○ Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The
Word
of God

The First Reading is from the 25th chapter of Isaiah

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 4th chapter of Philippians

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

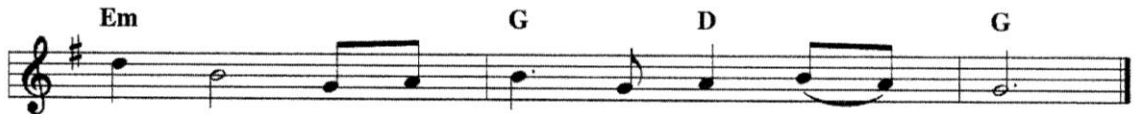
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all
2. We are stand - ing in your pas - ture, Lord we
3. Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Sav - ior, all



glo - ry be to you; We are sheep with - out a
know that we have strayed; Hear ye now the prayers we
glo - ry be to you; Our hearts burn deep with -



shep - herd, by your word all life is re - newed.
of - fer for your word that guides our way.
in us as you fill us with your truth.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

¹Again Jesus spoke to {the chief priests and the Pharisees} in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

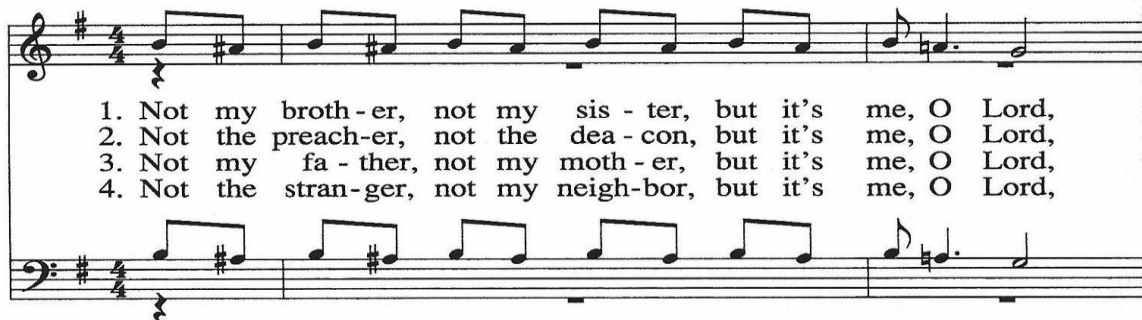
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

HYMN OF THE DAY

STANDIN' IN THE NEED OF PRAYER

*Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; do not hold Your peace at my tears.
Psalm 39:12*



1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,



Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not my
Stand - in' in the need of prayer; Not the
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broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord,
preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord,
fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord,
stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord,



Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
Stand - in' in the need of prayer.
Stand - in' in the need of prayer.

It's me,

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the

It's me,

need of prayer; It's me, it's

me, O Lord, Stand - in' in the need of prayer.

Text: Negro spiritual
 Tune: STANDIN' IN THE NEED; 13 7 13 7 with refrain; Negro spiritual

APOSTLE'S CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matt. 5:22-24; Eph 4:1-3

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

THANK YOU, LORD

*I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, and I will sing praises to You among the nations.
Psalm 108:3*

1. Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord,
2. Been so good, been so good,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of chords and single notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

thank You, Lord,
been so good, I just want to thank You, Lord.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff features a more active melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bottom staff continues the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

Text: Traditional
Tune: Negro spiritual; arr. by Stephen Key, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given 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.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is truly right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



O Lamb, Sweet lamb of God You tak a-way the sin of the



world. Oh Lamb, Dear lamb of God Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb, Sweet lamb of God You tak a-way the sin of the



world. Oh Lamb, Dear lamb of God Have mer-cy up-on us.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION AND TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

We invite you to pray silently for someone in the congregation while sitting in the pew before or after receiving Communion or while in line waiting to receive. Two people will be at the back of the sanctuary praying for everyone at this time.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a grand staff with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and accompaniment from the first system.

soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King. Hal-le-

The third system of musical notation, ending with the beginning of the word 'Hal-le-'.

lu - jah, hal-le lu - jah we're goin' to see the King!

The fourth and final system of musical notation, concluding the hymn with the lyrics 'lu - jah, hal-le lu - jah we're goin' to see the King!'.

Text: Andra Crouch, b. 1942

Music: Andra Crouch, b. 1942

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

See, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment on all...

Jude 14-15

1. O when the saints go march - ing in, O when the
2. O when the sun re - fused to shine, O when the
3. O when they crown Him Lord of all, O when they

saints go march - ing in,
sun re - fused to shine, O Lord, I want to be in that
crown Him Lord of all,

num-ber when the saints go march - ing in.
when the sun re - fused to shine.
when they crown Him Lord of all.

Text: Negro spiritual

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE – Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Gregg Sewell

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

Debbie Binder

Clair Crist

Donna Hildebeitel

Elizabeth Larsen

Sonya LaGamba

Earl and Janet Harry

Deb Kneisley

Additional prayers

Tom Scherer - ALS

Pr. Ted Hummel – bone marrow cancer

Brittany Merrill – chemo, radiation & surgery

Donald Moyer – chemo

Shirley Kneisley – suitable care facility

Meghan Mills – colitis remission

Chuck Landis - cancer

Courtney Tito – kidney transplant

Lauren Didyoung – brain cancer

Jo Zimmerman – dementia

Dorothy Mills – bleeding esophageal
varices

Patricia Stroup – pulmonary disease

Anthony Riggi – custody of daughter

Jeanne Zeller – pancreatic cancer

Pr. Amy Schifrin – bone infection

BJ Wolfgang – broken arm

Anne Gleason – broken leg

Pat McDermott – securing a diagnosis

Josephine Benny – finding a care facility

Candy Whitney – recovering from shingles

To request a prayer during today’s worship for a person not on the list above, “print” the name on the prayer request form on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Names on the additional prayers list will be printed for one month.

Contact Rose Keller (717) 333-1448 or (rose.a.keller@gmail.com) or Pr. Mark at (pastor@reformation-nalc.org) to keep a name listed for another month, to add a new name, or to remove a name.

Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Contact Judy Mills (pabluebird1242@icloud.com) to be included in the updates, or request removal from the chain.

STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service. They are on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippet (3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603) or make a donation online at <https://www.reformation-nalc.org/giving/>.

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CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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"NOTES FROM WORSHIP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL"

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