

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 4

### Welcome and Announcements

We will be celebrating Communion during worship this morning. All are welcome! You will need to provide your own elements of bread and wine or juice for Holy Communion.

### Confession and Forgiveness

P) Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever!

**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) 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.**

P) God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of <sup>☩</sup> Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C) Amen.**

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) The Lord be with you.

**C) And also with you.**

P) Beloved God,

**C) from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Scripture Readings**

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **Isaiah 5: 1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved  
    my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
    on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
    and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it,  
    and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
    but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
    and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
    and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
    that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
    why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
    what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
    and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
    and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
    it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
    and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
    that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
    is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
    are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
    but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
    but heard a cry!

### **Philippians 3: 4b-14**

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Reading

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### Matthew 21: 33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Sermon

**Sermon Hymn****"In Christ Called to Baptize"**

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace  
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,  
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach  
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.  
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.  
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.  
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,  
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.  
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise  
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.  
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.  
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.  
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

## **Affirmation of Faith    "Apostles Creed"**

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 to the dead.  
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.

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord with you.

**C) And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C) Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

## **Words of Institution**

Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray:

**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**

## **Distribution of Communion**

### **After Communion Blessing and Prayer**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C) Amen**

Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

## **Benediction**

### **Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!**

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