# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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# LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, October 20th 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# **Prayer of Confession**

- P: I've been meaning to ask...
- C: How are you? What has your year been like? Did you know that I have been thinking of you?
- P: I have been meaning to ask...
- C: Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job? Did you ever think we'd still be here?
- P: I've been meaning to ask...
- C: Did it get easier? Did the grief subside? Were you ever able to sleep at night?
- P: I've been meaning to ask, but I haven't—
- C: Because it's hard. Because I want to say the right thing. Because I'm not sure what you need.
- P: I've been meaning to ask, so I'm sorry for my silence.
- C: Forgive me. Show me where it hurts.
- P: Let's start again. Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts. Take a moment of silent prayer to think of the people in your world, in your lives, who may need you to reach out and ask. Give their names to God.

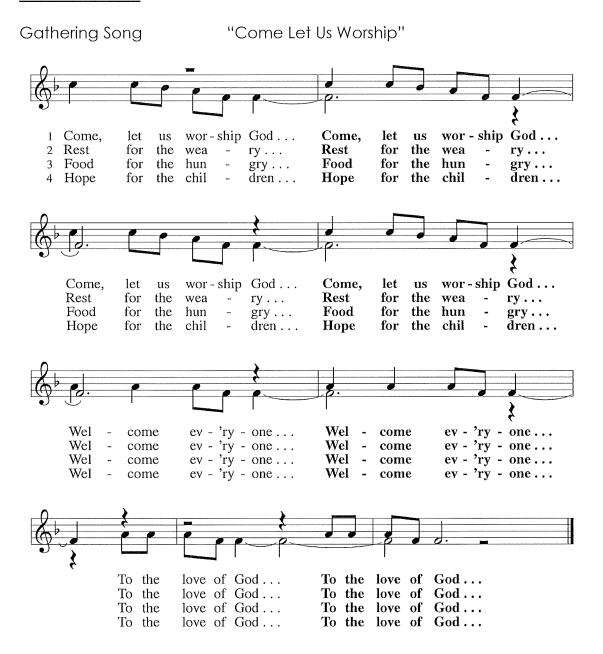
Pause for silent prayer.

- P: Trusting that God hears all things, we say together:
- C: Amen.

## **Words of Forgiveness**

- P: Family of faith, in the journey to love and care for one another, we are bound to make mistakes. Fortunately for us, we worship a God who showed us how to love, and who extends grace to us when we fail to do so for others. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
- C: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God for this endless grace. Amen.

## THE GATHERING



# **Gathering Litany**

A: Here in this space,

C: We wear our hearts on our sleeves.

A: There is no use in filters or walls.

C: This space is an authentic space, this space is a brave space.

A: For when it comes to God,

C: We are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.

A: So come into this space with your hurt and your joy, your prayers and your dreams.

C: All of God's children are welcome here. Let us worship Holy God.



# Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: 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.

#### THE WORD

## Scriptures

#### Isaiah 53: 4-12

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

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.

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.

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.

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.
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.
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.

#### Hebrews 5: 1-10

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. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as

well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

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';

as he says also in another place,

'You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.'

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

# Children's Message

Gospel Verse "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me"



## Gospel

#### Mark 10: 35-45

James 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.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' 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?' 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; 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.'

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

**Gospel Verse** 

Sermon



#### **Affirmation of Faith**

On my best days, I believe that God is there—standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on.

On my hardest days, I believe that God is there—standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief.

No matter where I go— in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude— I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it. And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

## Installation of Church Council Members

## Prayers of the People

A: God of grace,C: hear our prayer.

## THE MEAL

# Offering



# Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray, Merciful God,

C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

### **Preface**

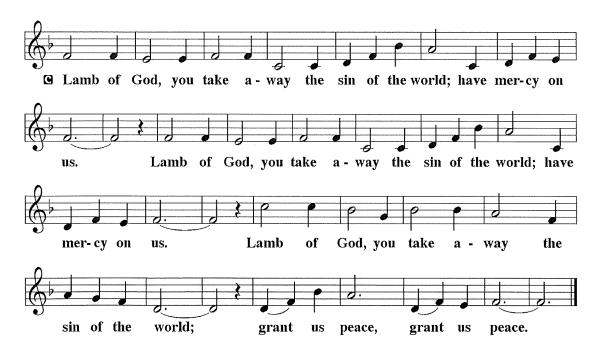
P: We gather around a lot of tables in this world, and each of them has a different hold on us. At the lunch table we see our friends, but we also may see our insecurity. At the conference table we may dream big dreams, but we also may see competition or fear. At the family table we see love and laughter and conversation, but we also may see seats that are empty, or hear silence that feels lonely. We gather around a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. Here at this Table we can bring the different pieces of ourselves— our dreams and our joy, our fear and our insecurity, our pain and our hurt—and they will be welcomed. Here at this Table we show up hungry and we always leave fed. Here at this Table we are met by a God who says, "Come in, come in! The food is ready, the Table is set, this chair has your name on it. We've been waiting just for you." Friends, there are a lot of tables in this world, but there is none like this one. We have a seat saved for you. Come.

#### Words of Institution

# Lord's Prayer

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

## Lamb of God



# **Blessing and Prayer After Communion**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace, now and always.

C: Amen

P: 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.

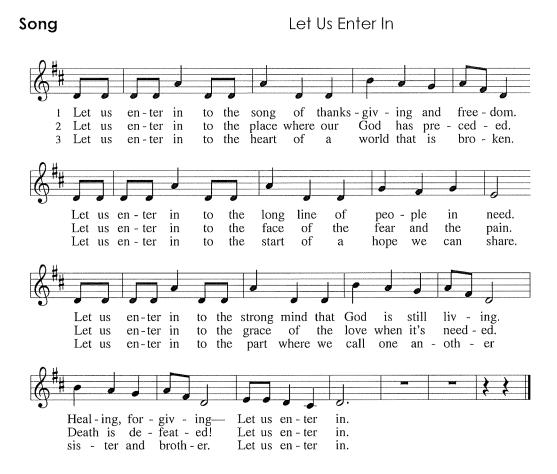
C: Amen

## THE SENDING

# **Blessing**

P: Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you.

C: Amen.



#### Dismissal

A: In the name of the Great Connector who is Love itself, go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.