

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Service of the Word

Holy Spirit Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Charleston, SC



THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

Presiding Minister / Assisting Minister / Lector = Regular Print

**Congregation = Bold Print**

*Red Italics = Instructions or explanations on the service*

*We gather for worship in silent, prayerful meditation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**

*Maccabaens*

Arr. Noel Rawsthorne

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*We stand.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Silence for reflection and meditation.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

HYMN

ELW #841

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938  
Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

Lord have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray...

*The prayer concludes:*

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]**

We pray Psalm 96 responsively by whole verse.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with  
equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,  
for you come to judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

A reading from Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## SERMON

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #526

*God Is Here!*



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000  
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991  
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## **CREED**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Or*

. . . let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

*Or*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## OFFERING HYMN

*Like a River In My Soul*

Arr. Tim Osiek

I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul. I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow. When the world closes in, feel the stillness within. I've got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full. When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home. I've got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul. When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain, love like an ocean, peace like a river in my soul.

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**





1 You ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -  
 2 As-cend-ed on high, al-might-y to save, yet still he is  
 3 Sal-va-tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
 4 Then let us a-dore and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all-vic-to-rious, of  
 nigh, his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his  
 loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the  
 pow'r and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



Je-sus ex-tol; his king-dom is glo-rious and rules o-ver all!  
 tri-umph shall sing, as-crib-ing sal-va-tion to Je-sus, our king!  
 an-gels pro-claim, fall down on their fac-es, and wor-ship the Lamb.  
 an-gels a-bove, and thanks nev-er ceas-ing, and in-fin-ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us.  
 The Lord's face shine on us with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



## **SERVING TODAY**

Worship Leader: Camellia Harris

Organist & Director of Music: Mr. Justin Wham

Lector: Joan Gaetke

Communion Assistant: Armanda Sloan

Broadcast Team: Louie Brown, Camellia Harris, and Caroline Shealy

The altar flowers are given today by Jeanne and Fred Bowie in memory of their parents.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SENDING OF COMMUNION is scheduled in the church's parking lot from 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.



## **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** (*I will write my law in their hearts, says the LORD*)

**Psalm 46**

**Romans 3:19-28** (*Justified by God's grace as a gift*)

**John 8:31-36** (*Jesus says, Continue in my word and you will know the truth*)



## **THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS**

**Luke, Evangelist**

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

**James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62  
Friday, October 23, 2020**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, ESV*)

*Please pray especially for:*

Marie Syrett

Dorothy McKnight

All HSLC members who are lonely or grieving



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