

OUR FATHER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 17, 2021



GATHERING

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

Centering Prayer

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the people 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.**

Silence for meditation and reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Confession & Forgiveness

Worship Assistant: It is written, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning together in pains of childbirth until the present time. Not only that, but we ourselves groan inwardly as we wait..." We lift up those events this week that are in need of your justice, redemption, and peace:

Worship Assistant: "The presence of illness that affects so many." "For mass violence and shootings in our state & nation." "For mistrust and contempt that exists between strangers, friends, and family."

Pastor: 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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 + 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. **Amen.**

Children's Message

SONG

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Sekai no tomo to te o tsunagi

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Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,
1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death - less love;

Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,
look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove

Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,
As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour - age, faith and pow'r, need - ed in our strife:

Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.
Je - sus, sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

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WORD

Psalm 91:9-16 (Read responsively; Worship Leader will provide instruction)

- 9 If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—
10 then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
14 “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

L: The Word of the Lord. A: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

MARK 10:35-45

L: The Gospel, according to Mark. A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I was baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

L: This is the gospel of our Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC MINISTRY/GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Not with us in person: There are 3 ways to give remotely: **Simply Giving**, **Breeze** or **Mailing** your offering check to OFLC, 3903 Gilbert Ave SE, Rockford, MN 55373.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

It is written, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans too deep for words. And the One who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

Let us lift up our prayers for the world, all of creation, and all people according to their need.

Worship Assistant: [reads aloud requests made by people this week]

Pastor: Lord, you search us and know us. May our prayers rise to you so that we and all people may live, assured of your promises. **Amen.**

THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

A: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

At OFLC, we practice an open table. What that means is all are welcome to participate in receiving communion, for it is the Lord's Table, and the grace given through these communion elements is given freely by God. In this time of COVID, we are using prepackaged communion elements. The Pastor will give instructions as we observe the Sacrament safely. If you did not pick up a communion kit or need assistance with yours, please raise your hand when directed by the Pastor and one of our Worship Coordinators will assist you.

SONG

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

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En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do, a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God!**