



18th Sun. after Pentecost—Oct. 4, 2009

9:00 A.M. Holy Communion Setting Six

The Rev. A. Elisabeth Aurand preaching and presiding

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us. If this your first visit here, please fill out the large white welcome card on the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Those not yet baptized are also welcomed for a blessing (cross arms when approaching).

This morning we commune at the rail in continuous fashion. Take an empty cup from the tray at the head of the aisle or if you prefer grape juice, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the same tray. Ushers will guide you to an empty space beginning at the back of the rail. You are free to return by the side aisles as soon as you are ready.

Please join us after church downstairs in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Gathering

THE BAND

Shout to the Lord

D. Zschech, arr. Pethel

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, . . . endures forever. ☩ Amen.

☞ Let us approach. . . God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ God of truth,

☩ **we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.**

☞ Our great high priest, . . . a place in God's household forever. ☩ Amen.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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☞ 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.**

THE KYRIE
THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Word

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18–24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

☐ A reading from Genesis:

¹⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 8

Sung antiphonally

REFRAIN: Choir, then all



☐ ☐ You crown us with glo - ry and hon - or.

VERSES: Light=Choir, Bold=All. ☒ = Refrain (All)



¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

☒ ²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe | and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?** ☒

⁵Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**

⁷all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**

⁹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! ☒

We gather participants for CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

☒ A reading from Hebrews:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ►

²⁵Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Choir: Repeat Alleluia
If we love one another, God | lives in us* and God's love is per-fect -ed in us.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

P ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a

man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

THE SERMON

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Father, by Whose Name

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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☑ 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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☐ ...Hear us, O God. ☑ Your mercy is great.

Sit

THE PARISH CONCERNS and WELCOME TO VISITORS

THE OFFERING is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

THE CHOIR

Praise Ye Jehovah

Heinrich Schütz

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elisabeth Aurand

Stand

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards

#183

Meal

THE OFFERING PRAYER

- A** God of majesty,
C in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care what you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE INITIAL DIALOG

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE INITIAL THANKSGIVING

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THE HOLY

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THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P** Holy God, our Bread of life,...both now and forever. **C** Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Right Column

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

United at the Table

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Now Thank We All our God

#840

Sending _____*Stand*

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord... keep you in his grace. C **Amen**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Now, Lord

#200

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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A Loving God, in this meal...Jesus Christ our Lord. C **Amen**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.***The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you. R Peace be with you.

THE BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you ..+ give you peace. C **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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A Go in peace. Remember the poor. C **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN

Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK _____**Sunday, October 4: Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226**

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching “using words if necessary.” Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God’s creation.

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**We celebrate Holy Communion
every Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.**

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Note: Named in parentheses are those who submitted the names they follow.

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In loving memory of Robert Nygren by Eleanor Nygren.

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