



St. John Lutheran Church ELCA Waseca, MN

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021

21st Sunday of Pentecost

Now the Feast and Celebration with Communion **GATHERING**

Introduction

In our first lesson Solomon shows true humility, recognizing his need for God's wisdom. In our second lesson, we are assured that the Spirit will help us in our weakness. In our gospel lesson, we see the humility of John the Baptist, content to let Jesus take the higher place. We pray for God to give us wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus, our Savior and Lord

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Please Stand)

Gathering Hymn: (cranberry) #510 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, our strength, and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn (cranberry) #167 Now the Feast and Celebration

(Please be seated)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:5-12

Solomon asks God for wisdom in order to govern the people. Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for.

¹⁰David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Chapter 3

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-30

These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. We are not left to our own resources, but the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

R The Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation (cranberry) (2 times)

Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia!

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 1:29-34

John baptizes with water, but Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit, giving strength and wisdom to live his teachings.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

P *The Gospel of the Lord*

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated)

Children’s Message

Message

Depending on God’s Strength

Pastor John Omans

Message Song (cranberry)

#793 Be Thou My Vision

(Please Stand)

NICENE CREED pg. 104

The Prayers

P Lord, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P We share Christ's peace with each other.

(please be seated)

Offering Invitation (spoken by Pastor)

(Offering may be placed in offering plates near exits)

THANKSGIVING

Stewardship Minute

Thank you to all who participate in our Sunday morning worship leadership! To our musicians who accompany us, to the choir members and choir director, to ushers, greeters, acolytes, readers, videographers, Facebook Live recording, to those who prep communion and those who make our communion bread, to our council person who gets the lights on and the building ready and all things in place and handles the banking. Thank you to all of these for offering their time and talents!

Offering Prayer

P God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine, and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength, and our song.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

P: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and ascension we pray for his coming again, even as we cry: Amen! Come Lord, Jesus!

Sing

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

Sing

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend

Sing

***Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.***

P Make us bold, merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray.

The Lord's Prayer pg. 112 (Our Father who art in heaven,)

Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to come to the Lord's Table. All Children who haven't had instruction are invited to come for a blessing. They're asked to fold their hands. Children who are receiving communion please extend your hands. Grape juice is available. Please say "grape juice" to the server).

Gluten Free wafers are available upon request.

Invitation to Communion

P The gifts of God for the people of God

All is ready, please come.

PLEASE WAIT FOR USHERS TO EXIT YOU OUT OF PEWS.

Leaders in the Service

Pastor: John Omans

Organist: Al Tonn

Singer/Guitarist: Michael Harvey

Ushers: Russell Tesch, Brian Tesch

Communion Prep: Mary Meyman, Sue Michaels

Communion Bread Makers: Pam Grunzke, Marcia Bartz, Rhonda Behsmann

Acolyte: Carson Harter

Reader: Russell Tesch

Council Person: Koni Hudak

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