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Setting 4 with Holy Communion

*Congregation please stand as you are able.

Introduction

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Prelude: *Meditation on "In the Garden"* Murray C. Bradshaw

Welcome & Announcements: Joys and Concerns
Signing of the Pew Register by all present.

Noisy Offering: The Noisy Offering is given so children from our Companion Parish of Bumila Lutheran Church have the opportunity to attend school in the Mpwapwa Region. Thank you for your support of the children of our sister congregation in Bumila, Tanzania.

***Opening Hymn:** *Praise the Lord! O Heavens* ELW 823

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

*Canticle of Praise

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer**

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

R: A reading from Isaiah, the 53rd chapter.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But 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.

⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.

⁸By 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.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰Yet 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.

¹¹Out 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.

¹²Therefore 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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

R: A reading from Hebrews, the fifth chapter.

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So 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”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel**

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

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

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

P: ³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But 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?” ³⁹They 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; ⁴⁰but 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.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So 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. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn:** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW 659

*Apostles' Creed

**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

R: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

R: Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, *especially those we name at this time (Pause 10 seconds for people to be named)*, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, acolytes, counters, committee members, teachers, students, singers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

R: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C: Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(10:30) Sr. Choir: *For Where Love Is, There is God* D. Wagner

Offering

***Offering Prayer**

P: God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 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.
 Again, 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.
 Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**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**

Invitation to Communion

P: All who hunger and thirst, come.

The table is ready.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be continuous. The ushers will invite you to come forward by the center aisle. You will be handed the bread with the words, "The Body of Christ given for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!". Step to the Communion Assistant and take the cup. They will speak the words, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." You may respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God!"

Empty cups may be placed in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer gluten-free bread, please let the Pastor know. If you prefer grape juice, please let the Communion Assistant know. If you prefer not to receive or have children who have not yet received, please let Pastor Tim know and he will offer a blessing.

Communion Hymns:

ELW 466 *In the Singing*

ELW 479 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

***Post Communion Blessing**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer After Communion**

P: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Blessing**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Be Christ to the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude:**

Thanks Be to God

Harold Rutz

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LOVING SPIRIT, sometimes I'm eager to be here; sometimes, reluctant. You know my mood today. Please nourish me with the Bread of Life to empower my serving in the days ahead.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to wish a Happy 8th Anniversary on October 19th to Lilly & Chris Riehl. Love, Mom & Dad

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is November 7th. If you have any names you would like us to add to our list for this year of a family member or friend who has passed away and has entered the Church Triumphant, please contact Barb in the office at 419-332-6820.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – is today, October 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THRIVENT REPRESENTATIVE, Jeremy Ashley, will be here next Sunday, October 24th, to talk to us between services and answer any questions we may have about Thrivent Choice Dollars and Thrivent Action Teams or any other concerns we have. Please plan to attend if interested.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES are available in the Narthex.

ATTENTION ALL KIDS – SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!! We would love to have you join us at 9:15 a.m. Pre-K-Kindergarten with Mrs. Koch, Grades 1-2 with Mrs. Harder, and Grades 3-5 with Mrs. Smith. Hope to see you soon!!

FLCW THANKOFFERING SERVICE will be November 14th. Barb Kocsis will be giving the sermon and many of our women will be participating in the service. Envelopes for giving your Thankoffering to the Women of the ELCA are available in the Narthex.

WORSHIP AT SPRING CREEK NURSING HOME AND REHABILITATION CENTER (EDEN SPRINGS) – We are blessed to be able, after a long absence, to have the opportunity to again lead worship and bring Jesus to people who would not otherwise be able to worship this amazing God of ours, during the month of October. (Sundays, the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. What a joy for those of us who offer this ministry and those who receive. Because of Covid there are a couple of regulations in place for the protection of the patients that we need to be aware of. Masks are required! Sr. Sam much prefers that visitors be fully vaccinated and bring their vaccination cards so that copies can be made and kept on file. Or bring a copy that you can provide them. These folks are hungry to hear the Word of God again. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. A true joy and blessing for all. Find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the coat area. Questions? See Randy Brown, Yvonne Vogel or Noelle Leutenegger.

THE LIFT COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 24th, from 2-5 p.m. We have planned an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship for our community, including a car show, and Trunk or Treat! We are asking for volunteers to help with the following: set-up, teardown, food service, children's games, and miscellaneous. Set-up 11:30 a.m.; Tear Down 5:00 p.m.; Food Table 2-3:30 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m.; Children's Games 2-3:30 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m.; Miscellaneous Help 2-3:30 p.m. or 3:30 – 5 p.m. If you can help, please fill out the bottom portion of the forms that are available in the Narthex and turn it into the church office. Thank you!

SWISS STEAK DINNER – Today, take a short drive over to St. John’s Lutheran Church, 450 N. Rocky Ridge Rd., Oak Harbor, Ohio and pick up Sunday dinner! The Swiss Steak Dinner Drive-Thru will be serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or until sold out. Dinners include Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, AND homemade pie, all for \$10. A Thrivent Financial Action Team grant will be used toward expenses. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, along with Lutheran Social Services. Hope to see you there!

ASSISTING TODAY:

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller
Organist: (10:30) Parm Boyer
Assisting: (8)
Sr. Choir Dir.: Darla Brown
Lector: (8) Linda Woessner
(10:30) Annie Gazdecki
Acolyte: (8) Michelle Garlock
(10:30) Leah Wasserman
Greeters: (8) M. & B. Tooman
(10:30) B. & N. Leutenegger
Communion: (8) B. Fox & D. Fahle
(10:30) R. Brown & A. Gazdecki
Altar: Sarah Q. & Nicole Weiker
Counters: Niki W.* & S. Miarer
Fellowship Hosts: Fox’s & Smith’s

ASSISTING NEXT WEEK:

Pastor: Rev. Tim Miller
Pianist: (8:00) Becky Fox
Organist: Darla Brown
Accompanist: Jackie Seibert
Sr. Choir Dir.: Darla Brown
Lector: (8) Jackie Seibert
(10:30) Yvonne Vogel
Acolyte: (8) Caleb Seibert
(10:30) Ben Waggoner
Greeters: (8) Gil & Pat Root
(10:30) R. & Y. Vogel
Comm.: (8) R. Brown/J. Seibert
(10:30) Y. Vogel & B. Kocsis
Altar: Sarah Q. & Nicole Weiker
Counters: B. Kocsis*/R. Brown
Fellowship Hosts:

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If you had your picture taken for it or submitted a photo, there is a copy with your name on it (literally), in the rack in the Narthex. If you did not have your picture taken or submitted, we have a limited supply of extra copies that are available by seeing Barb in the office. Please do not take someone’s copy with their name on it – Thank You!



PRAYING DAILY

For healing and hope: Susan & Brandon Barker, Jeff Buhrman, Bill & Pat Copley, Connie Diekman, Bob Fought, Della Humbarger, Denny Krumnow, Eric McBride, Nancy Mylander, Gary Overmyer, Stella Roberts, Dorothy Swedersky, Janet Tressler, Carnetta Weber, Norma Willey. Kathy Arndt, Vickie Bowser, Heather Gilbert, Cliff Harris, Linda Kiser, Deron Leutenegger, Brandon Lowe, Charlotte Magaña, Ann Mussell, Dick Olmstead, Tom Rusch, Terri Sattler, Jonathan Skarie, Diane Swartz, Nathan Willis, Pastor Bob Young.

For the Family of: Pastor Jim Avers, Sandy Schneider, Meg Bovinett

For our Military: Troy Halfhill, Daniel Linder, Katie Olmstead, Tony Rozzi, Christopher Templeton, & Joshua Tooman.

For our Bishops: Bishop Rev. Amon Kinyunyu, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and NWOS Bishop Daniel Beaudoin and Staff

For our partner congregation in Bumila, Tanzania

And its pastor: Pastor Peter Magasi

FAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF – Oct. 17 to Oct. 24

Sunday **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

Oct. 17--8 am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Monday

Oct. 18-----8 a.m. Conversation & Prayer @ Frisch’s
 10 a.m. Valley View Worship & Communion
 7:30 p.m. Dartball Away vs. St. Paul’s

Tuesday **NO CHURCH COUNCIL**

Oct. 19-----2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

Wed.

Oct. 20-----6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir
 7:30 p.m. Praise Choir

Thurs.

Oct. 21-----9 to 3 p.m. Fellowship/Sew Day
 3 p.m. Christ Care

Sunday **Pastor Tim on Vacation – No Catechism Class**

Oct. 24--8 am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Thrivent Representative Here

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021: ATTENDANCE 125; OFFERING \$4,100.25

GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 17, 2021

Sharing the Glory

When you picture Jesus in power and glory, what comes to mind? Maybe a heavenly vision of an enthroned Christ, surrounded by saints and angels and the whole heavenly host? This is the kind of image that must have been in the minds of the disciples James and John in today's gospel when they came to ask Jesus if they could be seated at his left and right side in his glory. Yet, Jesus redirects their desire for glory toward a different picture—active service to those around them.

The picture of Jesus' power in the gospels is not one of king but of servant Lord. We do not see Jesus seated on a throne, issuing orders, and being served, but as an unassuming man, living among people, listening to their needs, and sharing God's healing mercy with them. Throughout his life, Jesus revealed his power and glory through the love and compassion he showed to those who were suffering, through forgiveness for those overwhelmed with guilt, and by speaking truth to worldly powers. Jesus calls his followers to share in his power and glory by being at his left and right hand as he stoops to wash feet, as he touches those considered unclean, as he is mocked by worldly powers. This is where true glory and power are found.

Christ gathers his followers together in one body for worship today in order to serve them with his word, with the waters of rebirth, and with his own body and blood. In these simple acts, his glory and power are present. They call us to carry Christ's love out into the world, sharing it in our homes, at our jobs, and with the people around us who need to know God's power in their life.