

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24th, 2021



9:15am - Hybrid Worship
Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

“A Future with Hope” is a stewardship campaign built around Jeremiah 29:11: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says God, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” The rhythms of diaspora and gathering, exile and return, gathering and sending, have been part of the life of faith for generations. As we come together, we are also sent out. As we have received, we give with grateful hearts. In this season, we invite you to join us in giving thanks for all the resources – spiritual, theological, physical, and financial – that support our mission and ministry in this place. With a past so full of grace, our future, thanks be to God, is likewise full of hope.

Notes about our worship service: Guidance and extra information is printed in *italics* throughout the bulletin. “P” indicates the speaking part of the presiding minister; “L” indicates a speaking part of a lay leader; “C” and parts in boldface indicate speaking parts of the whole congregation.

Worshipping in this time continues to be impacted by the Delta variant. As such, the following precautions remain in place: Masking is required. You will drop off your offering and pick up prepackaged communion supplies and bulletins on your way in. You may choose to sit where you like (no capacity limitations). Sharing of communion and peace will remain distanced. We will sing only the last song of the service. Finally, please be mindful of others’ comfort with touch. Ask before giving a handshake or hug.

PRELUDE: *“Take My Life Lord”* by Jan Bender

WELCOME

The assembly is invited to stand as worship begins.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: By the waters of Babylon, there we wept when we remembered.

C: By the waters of the kitchen sink, there we wept.

**And on the living room couch, and in the empty school room,
and beside the makeshift dining room table office.**

P: How could we sing God’s song in a strange land?

C: How could we sing God’s song over Zoom?

P: By the waters of Babylon,

C: There we wept when we remembered.

P: We remembered that ancient rhythm of separation and homecoming,

C: Exile and return, going out and coming in.

P: You who are by the waters of Babylon: Come!

**C: From kitchens and home offices,
Sidewalks and parking lots, we come!**

P: You who remember and you who do not: Come!

**C: Sometimes remembering clearly,
sometimes confused by nostalgia, we come!
By car and by computer, we come!**

P: God goes with every exile;

C: God rejoices with every return.

P: In Babylon and Jerusalem, in strange lands and familiar rooms

**C: In sanctuaries and on screens, in pews or couches,
ALL: We come to be together and worship God.**

The assembly is seated.

OPENING HYMN - Jesus, Come! For You Invite Us, ELW #312

You are invited to listen to the hymn tune and reflect on the lyrics below.

- 1 Jesus, come! for you invite us, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.
- 3 Jesus, come! in new creation, heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples— come, our first and greatest Sign!
- 4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our
ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable
us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 29:10-14

This passage is from a letter from Jeremiah to the Israelite exiles in Babylon. The prophet is declaring the good news that God will "bring you back to this place" from exile.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

L: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**C: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L: Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**C: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Paul argues that mutuality and equality of love is a more excellent way of being the church. He urges the church not to compete with one another for power or prestige, but to live in genuine service to one another, formed and transformed by the love of God made known in Christ Jesus.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL READING - Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again, recognizing Jesus as the "Son of David." When hushed by others, he won't give up, but repeats his call for help more. Do we ask so boldly? May our own trust in God lead to prayer that is an honest answer to Jesus' question: "What do you want me to do for you?"

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here."

And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."
⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Following the reading the assembly is seated.

SERMON - Pastor Chris Yanker

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION - Take My Life, That I May Be, ELW #685

You are invited to listen to the hymn tune and reflect on the lyrics below.

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
 take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy – for the church and its ministry; for the well-being of creation; for peace & justice; for the poor, oppressed, & sick; for all who suffer; for the congregation; & for special concerns/occasions.

As children of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations (*especially*), that peace extends in every direction. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is invited to stand.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*Share a sign of peace by waving, flashing a peace sign, or other form of **distanced** greeting.*

If you are joining us online, type a message or share a brief word of peace.

CALL TO OFFERING

P: The people gather and disperse, gather and disperse.

C: It is the way of life with God.

P: As with the people, so with our money:

C: gather and disperse, gather and disperse.

P: As with the people, so with our money:

C: the more we gather, the more we can disperse.

P: As with the people, so with our money:

C: the gathering is good, but the giving, the sending out into the world, is even better!

P: Friends, we lift up now the offering that has been gathered and will be sent.

C: We trust in God's future with hope.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We continue to be the church together during this time through prayer and financial support.

Your giving ensures that the ministries of this congregation continue now and into the future.

P: God of love and generosity, for the gifts you have dispersed into the world, we give you thanks:

C: the people, the money, the hope, and the life.

P: For all that has been gathered here from that dispersal,

C: the people, the money, the hope, and the life, we give you thanks.

P: Give us the strength to be separated, the courage to be commissioned, the generosity to give, and the wisdom to send ourselves and our money where you would have them go. Send your Spirit on us and in us, wherever we are, O God, and on this gathering of your gifts, for we have gathered ourselves and our offerings in the name of our Good Shepherd, the One who lives in exile with us, the One who leads us home.

C: Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM - "I was Glad"

COMMUNION LITURGY

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 God thanks and praise**

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. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, and join the unending refrain of all creation.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, sunshine and storm, gathering and sending, exile and return. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of goodness and dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals lift our voices:

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this refrain:
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you created the cosmos, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future with hope that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.

DISTRIBUTION

P: Taste and see that God is good.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated. Time is given for the sharing of elements among households.

BLESSING

P: May this sign of God's presence, this shared bread between us, strengthen us and give us peace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see last page)

The assembly is invited to stand for the end of the service.

BENEDICTION

P: The time for sending is here, for time apart, for dispersal. It will not last forever; to return is our promise and hope. We will be together again, and the question then will be: what did you do with your time when we were apart?

May the God who is the home of the exile, Jesus, who was and is an exile himself, and the Spirit, who goes with us as we love and serve, be with you until we meet again.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN - Go, My Children, with My Blessing, ELW #543



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace; share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Go My Children" by Barry Bobb

Announcements for the week of 10/24/21

1. Thank you to Pastor Christopher Yanker for being with us in worship!
 2. Please stick around after worship to hear from Janis Hutchins and the ministry being done through God's Helping Hand.
 3. Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday and Giving Sunday. Continue to pray for the ministry of LCLC. We will gather our pledges and celebrate God's gift of "a future with hope." Wearing red is also encouraged!
 4. Join us for Trunk or Treat with Wedgwood on Sat. Oct. 30 from 5-7pm. Let Irene know if you plan to have a decorated trunk or candy/treats to hand out. If you are decorating your trunk, be set up by 5pm in the UPPER lot. There will also be a food truck available to purchase dinner. Black Jack Fire Department will also have a truck and firefighters on site.
 5. All Saints will be remembered on Sunday, Nov. 7th.
 6. If you are donating items for the thanksgiving baskets, please have your items in by **11/15**. Copies of the food list are available on table outside the offices on green sheets of paper.
 7. Save the Date - Congregational meeting on 11/21 following worship.
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Worship Leadership

October 24, 2021

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Christopher Yanker
Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Laurie Brown
Zoom and Slides: Erle Craig
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Ann Schultz and Cora Wallace
Greeter: Jeanne Calderwood

October 31, 2021 *Reformation*

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Melissa
Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett
Lector: Gary Brown
Zoom and Slides: Elizabeth Carr
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Glenn and Jann Mueller
Greeter: Kathy Endorf

November 7, 2021 *All Saints*

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Melissa
Assisting Minister: Elizabeth Carr
Lector: Sharon Perko Davis
Zoom and Slides: Bryan Miles
Musician: David Eggers
Ushers: Dave Endorf and Randy Henning
Greeter: Judy Holmes

November 14, 2021

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Melissa
Assisting Minister: Randy Henning
Lector: Terry Calderwood
Zoom and Slides: Marilyn Wiley
Musician: Greg Ott
Ushers: Jim and Doris Stoehner
Greeter: Jeanne Calderwood