

*Lutheran Social Services
60th Anniversary
Commemorative Worship Service*

Sunday, October 23, 2011

Church of the Abiding Presence
Lutheran Theological Seminary
61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA

**The Rev. Dr. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA
The Rev. B. Penrose Hoover, Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod ELCA**



Lutheran Social Services
SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Prelude from Sonata No. 1 *Allegro moderato e serioso*

Felix Mendelssohn

(choir)

“When We Seek Language to Praise You, O God”

Barry L. Bobb, arranger

“My Heart Abounds With Pleasure”

Johannes Brahms

“Can it be Jesu, From Highest Heaven Hither”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Announcements

The assembly stands.

Gathering Hymn 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

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.

Canticle of Praise



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



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 of the Day

The assembly is seated.

First Reading

Hosea 2:18-23

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 94: 1-15

- ¹ LORD, avenging God,
O God of vengeance, show yourself.
- ²Rise up, O Judge of the world;
give to the arrogant their just deserts.
- ³How long shall the wicked, O LORD,
how long shall the wicked triumph?
- ⁴They bluster in their insolence;
all evildoers are full of boasting.
- ⁵They crush your people, O LORD,
and afflict your very own.
- ⁶They kill the widow and the stranger,
and put the orphans to death.
- ⁷And they say, "The LORD does not see,
the God of Jacob takes no notice."
- ⁸Consider well, you most brutish people:
You fools, when will you be wise?
- ⁹Does the one who planted the ear not hear?
Does the one who formed the eye not see?
- ¹⁰Does the one who disciplines the nations not punish?
Does the one who teaches all humankind lack knowledge?
- ¹¹The LORD knows our human thought;
how like a puff of wind they are.
- ¹²Happy are they whom you discipline, O LORD,
those whom you teach from your law;
- ¹³You give them rest in evil days,
until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- ¹⁴For you will not abandon your people,
nor will you forsake your very own.
- ¹⁵For judgment will again be just,
and all the upright of heart will follow it.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21


The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 6: 20-36

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord

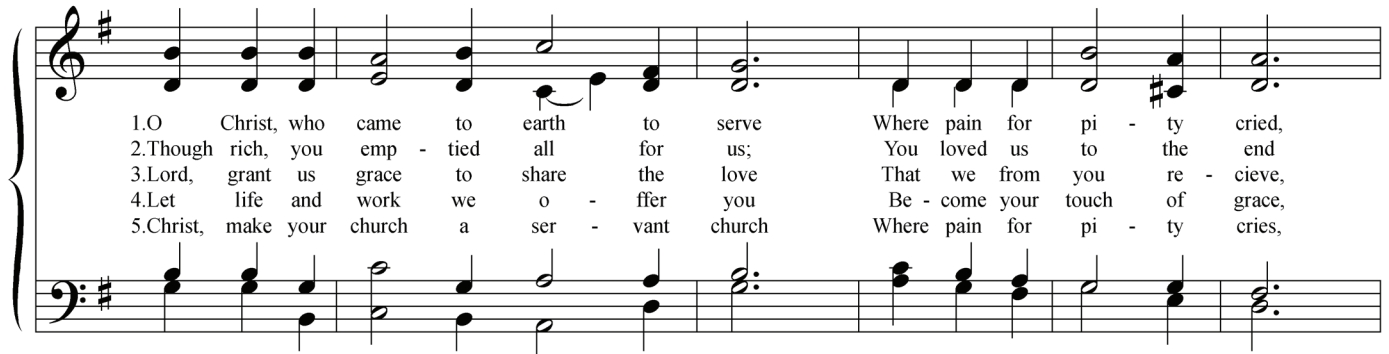
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please stand at the introduction to the hymn.

Hymn of the Day



1.O Christ, who came to earth to serve Where pain for pi - ty cried,
2.Though rich, you emp - tied all for us; You loved us to the end
3.Lord, grant us grace to share the love That we from you re - cieve,
4.Let life and work we o - ffer you Be - come your touch of grace,
5.Christ, make your church a ser - vant church Where pain for pi - ty cries,



You walked the cost - ly way of love Till on a cross you died.
That we, though poor, might find in you An e - ver giv - ing friend.
To tend the sick and sore dis - tressed, To com - fort those who grieve.
And, through our dai - ly min - is - try, Re - veal a - gain your face.
And help us bear the cross with you That life from death may rise.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
on the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver, of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and then are seated.

Offering

Today's offering has been designated for local flood relief needs.

As the gifts are received, the choir makes an offering:

"Clap Your Hands"

by Alfred V. Fedak

The assembly stands to sing as the gifts are brought forward.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

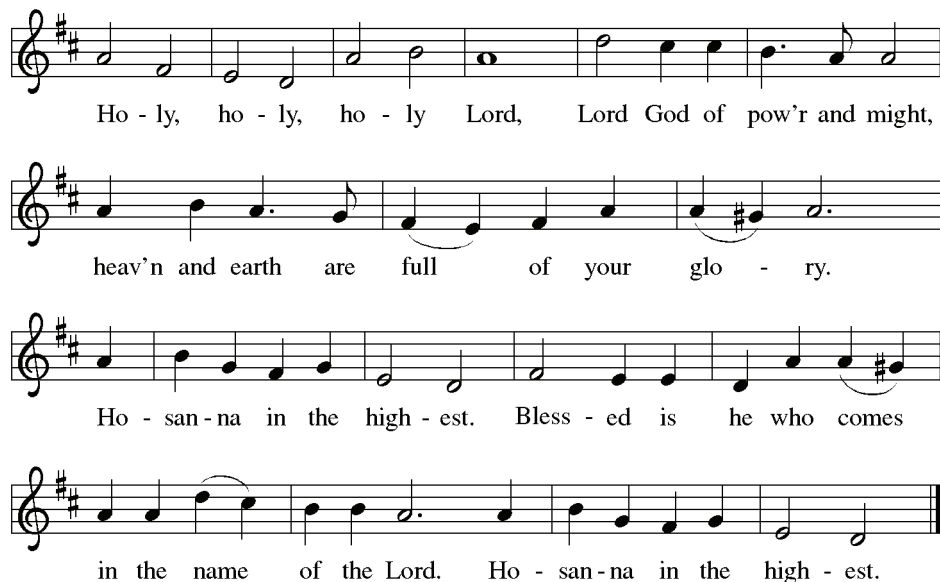
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Communion

Following an invitation to communion, the assembly is seated.

“Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion when they are visiting in the congregations of this church.” (from the ELCA’s sacramental practices statement)

We will receive the sacrament at stations today. Simply come forward by the center aisle (in two lines), receive the bread from the person in the center, then go to the side to receive the wine from a common cup or pouring chalice.

As a sign of the unity the sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive wheat bread or wine, be sure that in a single element you receive the Presence and all the gifts of the sacrament.

If you are not prepared to receive the elements today, but would like to come forward for a blessing, bring a copy of the bulletin with you – that will be a sign of your intention for the distributors.

During communion, the following may be sung, as time allows.

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.

- 574 "Here I am, Lord"
- 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
- 832 "My Lord of Light"
- 472 "Eat This Bread"
- 858 "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.

Closing Remarks

Robert L. Rundle

Blessing

Sending Song 546

“To be your presence”

Dismissal

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

from Sonata No. 1 Allegro assai vivace

Felix Mendelssohn

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Choir

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Edward Stanley

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