

—THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER—

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also 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.*

LORD’S 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE [THE PEOPLE MAY PRAY IN SILENCE]

*All are welcome at Christ’s table. The cup is offered as red wine, and white grape juice.  
You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the first pews.*

COMMUNION MUSIC **Dona nobis pacem** Jack Brooks

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Lamb of God, *have mercy upon us.* Jesus, bearer of our sins, *have mercy upon us.*  
*Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ  
you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example may we obey you with willing  
hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—Sending—

\*HYMN #726 Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 1, 2, 4, 5)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Stay with Me** Jack Brooks

*You may be seated after the light passes you in the aisle.*



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Guest Organist .....Jack Brooks



*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**October 6, 2024** **World Communion Sunday**

— Gathering —

PRELUDE **The Bride of Christ**

WELCOME Liturgist: John Hillin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145:1, 4, 10, 11)

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!  
**One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.  
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power.**

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
***Bold Italic Letters*** indicate congregational response

**\*HYMN #35**

**Praise Ye the Lord**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*O God our Judge and Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos. We follow those who flatter us. We seek comfort and not challenge from our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit within us, O God, and train us in righteousness as we ask you to forgive us again.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:8-12)**

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

Friends this is the good news of the Gospel!

*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!*

**\*GLORIA PATRI #581**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

—Word—

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**PSALM 139**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

*You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.*

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.*

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

*If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.*

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

*Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

*Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

*See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

**FIRST READING**

**1 Peter 5:1-11**

Bible p. 221, LG p. 285-286

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 1:1-11**

Bible p. 110, LG p. 143

The word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

**Christendom Will Not Save Anybody**

**Rev. Steve Newton**

—Response—

**\*HYMN #753**

**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle's Creed)**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there 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 life everlasting. Amen.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**Andante**

**Jack Brooks**

**\*DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**