

Holy Communion
Sunday, October 17, 2021
Pastor - Rev. Dennis Ellisen
Organist - Lori Free

Organ Prelude and Pastor's Greeting

Opening Hymn: **#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Order of Worship: pages 94-96, 147-150

Prayer of the Day - Celebrate

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: I Am The Greatest!

Hymn of the Day: **#884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Apostle's Creed: page 105 (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of Intercession - Celebrate

Offertory: Hymn 186 in Service Music - "Create in me..."

Words of Institution and Communion

Lord's Prayer (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Communion Hymn: **#634 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

Sending Song: **#660 Lift High the Cross**

Dismissal

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
CELEBRATING OUR 139th YEAR
IN HIS SERVICE
1882 - 2021

A native New Yorker, Pastor Ellisen received his college degree at Upsala College in New Jersey. Prior to receiving his Master of Divinity degree at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, he was a social worker in New York City. He served congregations in Rochester, and Albany, N. Y. before accepting a call to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Appleton, Wisconsin in 1976. During his tenure, Our Saviour's grew in membership to 2600 members. Pastor Ellisen has served on the executive board of the Large Church Conference of the ELCA. Since retirement in 2008, he has served as an Interim Pastor for the East Central Synod in various congregations. Presently he serves as the Interim Pastor at Atonement Lutheran in Green Bay.

Pastor Ellisen and his wife Cathy have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, golfing, and watching the grandchildren participate in a myriad of middle school and high school sporting events. They also enjoy quiet sunsets at their cottage on the bay outside of Dycksville.

We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today.

If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School

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and follow our worship service live, and archived,
on the web site.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

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.
Your mercy is great.

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.
Your mercy is great.

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.
Your mercy is great.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (Luke, Evangelist) Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53. **Tuesday** 1 Samuel 10:17-25. **Wednesday** John 13:1-17. **Thursday** Psalm 126. **Friday** Hebrews 7:11-22. **Saturday** (commemoration of James of Jerusalem, martyr, c. 62) Mark 8:22-26. **22nd Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.

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Celebrate

Sunday, October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

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.

Surely 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.

continued

You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the
Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

Because you have made the ¹ LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹ habitation,
¹⁰no evil ¹ will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹ near your dwelling.
¹¹For God will give the angels charge ¹ over you,
to guard you in ¹ all your ways.
¹²Upon their hands they will ¹ bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹ gainst a stone. **R**
¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹ cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹ and the serpent.
¹⁴I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.
¹⁵They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.
¹⁶With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation. **R**

First Reading, continued

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.

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.

Every 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.

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.

James 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."