



**October 6, 2024
20th Sunday
after Pentecost
ELW Holy
Communion
Setting Four**

Introduction to the day
Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of

his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE/BELLS

GATHERING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*ELW p. 94*)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have**

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Day by Day (ELW #790)*

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you **And also with you**

GREETING *(ELW p. 147)*

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.**

KYRIE *(ELW p. 147)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *(ELW p. 148)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(ELW p. 150)*

Let us pray... **Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and**

steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from Genesis.

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (*Ps. 8:5*)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews.

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - as the children come forward the congregation sings Jesus Loves Me (ELW #595) (V. 1)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Day Full of Grace (ELW #627)*

APOSTLES CREED (ELW p. 152)

**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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW p. 182)*

OFFERING PRAYER *(ELW p. 190)*

Let us Pray... **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE *(ELW p. 152)*

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 *(ELW p. 154)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 *(ELW p. 191)*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION *(ELW p. 154)*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG *(ELW p. 191)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant
us peace, Lamb of God.**

COMMUNION SONG *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (ELW #492)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

SENDING OF COMMUNION (ELW p. 155)

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (ELW p. 155)

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul) (ELW #785)

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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Laminated cards are available if you give online and would like to put something in the offering plate.

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at Fisher/Bygland Lutheran Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome Pastor Joy!!!
- Mon. & Tue. Oct. 7 & 8, 9:00 AM Quilting at FLC
- Wed. Oct. 9th 7:30 Bygland Council
7-8:30 PM Confirmation for all grades (Kevin Hines) All Youth are invited to attend. We will meet at Red River High School at 6:30 PM.
- Thur. Oct 11th AA at FLC
- Sat. Oct. 12th 1:00 PM Confirmands practice at FLC
- Sun. Oct 13th **Clergy Appreciation Day, Lutheran Deaconess Association Day, Blessing of Quilts, Thankoffering Sunday.**
9:00 AM Worship at Fisher
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship at Bygland-Baptisms/New Member/Family Fellowship meal
- Trinity Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner: Sunday, October 27, 2024. Serving from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Adults: \$10, Kids (3-11): \$5, Kids under 3: Free. Menu: Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, squash, green beans, rolls, dessert, and beverage

Gatherers Give with Glad Hearts

Fisher Lutheran Church

October – December Donations
will be gathered for...

Northlands Rescue Mission

Simply purchase any items from the list to donate, return them to Fisher Lutheran in the gathering bag and they will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Priority Items

- ❖ Shampoo, Body Wash
- ❖ Deodorant
- ❖ Men's Shoes/Work Boots (Sizes 10-13 Preferred)
- ❖ Men's Underwear (New, Sizes S - 2XL)
- ❖ Women's Underwear (New, All Sizes)
- ❖ Twin-size Fitted Sheets
- ❖ Shower Sandals

Clothing

- Men's jeans (waist size 30-36)
- Winter gloves
- White undershirts and tank tops

Consumables

- Cream of (anything) Soup
- Butter
- Mayo
- Canned Vegetables
- Spices (salt, pepper, garlic/onion powder, cumin)
- Sour Cream
- Noodles

Backpack Program

- Applesauce/fruit cups
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Cereal cups
- Juice boxes/pouches
- Soup/noodle cups, ramen noodles
- Snack items (individually packaged, not containing nuts)

Other

- Toilet paper
- Washcloths
- Pots & pans, Tupperware
- Adult diapers (size L or XL)
- Paper towels
- Shaving cream, Razors
- Baby diapers size 4+
- Ear plugs
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Air mattresses (new)
- Shower curtains & liners
- Small appliances (e.g. microwave, toaster)

