Sunday, October 20, 2024 The Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

O the Joy!

A liturgy written by Gregory Berg

This month we celebrate the 30th anniversary of worshipping with the O the Joy liturgy..

It debuted here on Reformation Sunday, October 30th, 1994.

A community called to Worship, Learn, Love and Serve. 2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin

Special thanks to Lori Neu, assisting minister Laura Jansen, lector Gary Wood, communion assistant Bob Larsen, AV technician Barb Salvo and Alison Ferrentino, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Karen Johnson, Cindy Myhre, and Lynn Riekkoff, coffee fellowship Christine Monreal, councilperson in charge Gary Wood, the senior Choir, and musicians Cheryl Belland, Elaine Lewis and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

Please stand, if you are able, where there is an asterisk * in the bulletin.

PRELUDE (A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP "I Will Call Upon the Lord" (Michael Shields, verses GB) Senior Choir

The lyrics are printed on the back of the bulletin.

*GATHERING SONG



*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

*GREETING

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



*HYMN OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

BAPTISM

Pastor: Baptism is a gift.

Congregation: A grace-given, love-filled joining to Jesus Christ.

P: Baptism is a gift.

C: A fountain of life, springing up through the power of God's word.

P: Baptism is a gift.

C: A cleansing in the Spirit, making us members of God's family forever.

P: Baptism is a free gift from God. In turn, God asks us to care for the baptized and to nurture them in the faith even as God nurtures and cares for all creation. Today you bring Johanna Grace Wolf to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Do you promise to make God's Word, the Holy Bible, a living part of your life at home?

Parents & Sponsors: YES

P: Do you promise to tell the story of Jesus to Johanna?

Parents & Sponsors: YES

P: Do you promise to join other members of God's family in worship?

Parents & Sponsors: YES

P: Do you promise to remain connected to the Body of Christ, Baptized Christians who will love, support and pray for her throughout her life?

Parents & Sponsors: YES

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us Pray. Gracious and loving God, through all time you have worked wonders through the simple gift of water.

C: With water

P: You refresh and sustain all living things.

C: With water

P: You sent a flood, bringing judgment on the wicked, saving Noah and his family, whom you had chosen to fulfill your purpose.

C: Through the water

P: You led your chosen people out of slavery and into a land filled with life and freedom.

C: In water

P: Jesus was baptized by John and given the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: With that same water

P: Jesus has set us free through His baptism. Free to receive the gift of everlasting life.

C: With water

P: We make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: I ask you, parents and sponsors, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you reject all the forces of evil that defy God?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Do you reject the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

P: Let us confess together our Holy Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

P: Who is presented to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

C: Sponsors: I present Johanna Grace Wolf to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Congregation sings the refrain



Leader: Come to the fountain, the fountain of goodness. Taste the living waters that are flowing there. Waters to renew you, refreshment flowing through you, taste and you will know my tender gracious care.

REFRAIN



P: Johanna Grace Wolf, I baptize you in the name of the Father; and of the Son; and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

Leader: Come to the mountain, the mountain of mercy. There you will be sheltered in my pastures green. Though the world be shaken, you are not forsaken. In my word of promise may you now believe.

REFRAIN

P: Loving God, we thank you for the precious gift of life and freedom that you have given your daughter on this day. We place in your hands all that lies ahead, trusting in your goodness and grace to guide and strengthen her through all that is to come. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Johanna, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, that she may live within the promise that You have made with her today, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Johanna, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

AM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

AM: Good and Gracious God, bestow your gifts on these parents and sponsors, that they may find joy and fulfillment as they care for this child. Guide and direct them in all the days ahead, that even in the midst of their troubles, your presence might be known. Bless this community of faith that it might continue to embrace children and care for them as Christ commands. We pray that your light of love might be shared with all children everywhere, just as we have been so loved, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God has done a new thing among us today by claiming this child let us rejoice together with all the saints who have gone before and all baptized Christians everywhere.
- C: We welcome you as Christ has welcomed us. We look forward to serving God with you as we grow together into the Body of Christ. May you always rejoice in the gift you have been given on this day.
- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR.

WORD

FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you,

nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

*GOSPEL ACLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James 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

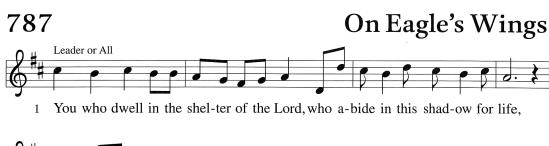
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

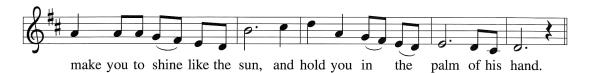
*HYMN OF THE DAY







And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

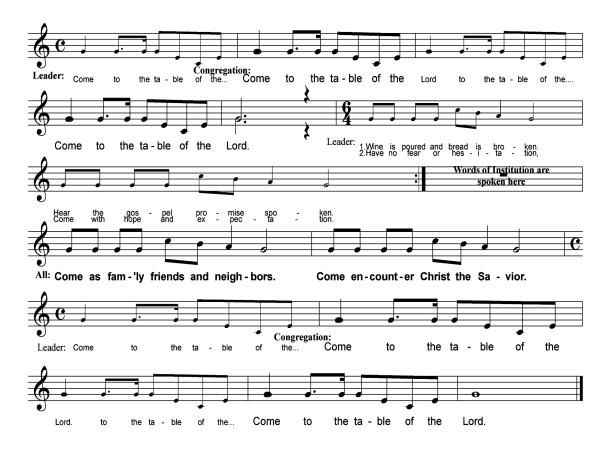


day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you,

near you it shall not come.



*INVITATION SONG

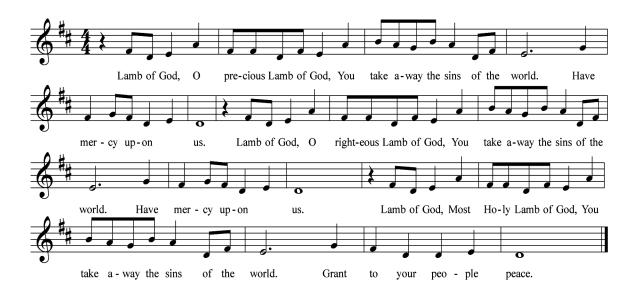


*LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Loving God, in your Kingdom there is no higher calling than to be a servant. Open our eyes to see the opportunities we have every day to make a difference in the world - to offer encouragement to the discouraged, sustenance to the hungry, comfort to the grieving, and a helping hand to those who are struggling. Show us how we may live more kindly - and remind us as well to be kind to ourselves and to be ready and willing to receive help from others. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Loving God, you call us to be stewards of this good earth, that it may continue to sustain us and all other living things. Curb our greedy impulses and show us the way to more responsible and sustainable living - in our own lives and as a community and a nation. Help us to be truly grateful for the beauty and bounty that surrounds us - and make us diligent in our efforts to restore what has been damaged. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Loving God, you call us to build our lives on the foundation of your Holy Word. Guide us as we continue to seek a deeper understanding of who we are and how you intend for us to live our lives. Guard us from laziness or arrogance; help us to be humble and ever-aware of our need for your grace and mercy, that we may continue to learn and grow in our faith. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Loving God, you call us to embrace life and all of its possibilities its joys as well as its challenges. Heighten our awareness and appreciation of all that makes life worth living the pleasures of meaningful work, restful and restorative play, athletic endeavor, artistic expression the rich blessing to be found with family and friends and each and every opportunity we are given to use our gifts and talents, whatever they may be. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Loving God, you call us to walk with you in fellowship and trust even through life's most difficult challenges. Make your presence known to all for whom we feel concern today - those burdened with illness, injury, weariness, addiction, sorrow, depression, or deprivation of any kind. <Names> Remind them that they are not alone. And give help and hope to those who care for them. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Loving God, you call us to be thoughtful, energetic and involved citizens in our community and in our nation. Guide each of us as we consider the wisest path forward. Help us to rise above mere self-interest, that we might instead seek whatever serves the common good. Make us open to new ideas - and show us a pathway towards greater understanding and cooperation with those who see the world differently than we do. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We know that you hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts - and we claim the promise of your ever-abiding love and grace through Christ our Lord, **AMEN.**

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful

+ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

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Announcements



<u> Altar Flowers</u>

The flowers on the altar this morning are in memory of Sherman Scherer given with love by Susan Barbee and family, and in memory of Allen Carlson given with love by Eunice Carlson.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery

The nursery has been cleaned up and refreshed and is ready for use on Sunday mornings! Carrie Jansen has offered to staff the nursery during Sunday services while parents worship. The nursery is also a convenient place to change your little one. To get to the nursery, go up the ramp under the balcony on the right side of the sanctuary. The nursery is the second door on the left down the hall. If you need help finding it, please ask one of the ushers to show you.

Welcome Johanna Grace Wolf!

A special welcome this morning to Johanna and the Marek and Wolf families here for Johanna's baptism. Johanna is the daughter of Kaytie & Matthew Wolf. Her sponsors are Roberta Wolf and Roberta and Steven Marek. We are very happy to have you here with us and to welcome Johanna to the HCLC family.

Diaper Ministry

The Diaper Ministry is off to a good start! It will be open on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and offer diapers in infants and children's sized newborn through 5T and adult diapers in sizes S/M, L, and XL. Each child or adult will receive 20 - 50 diapers, depending on the size, and a package of wipes. If you know anyone who is struggling to afford diapers, please tell them about our ministry. If you are interested in helping, they will need volunteers to help hand out diapers to clients, do recordkeeping, and restock shelves, and other behind the scenes work along with donations of diapers and wipes. Contact Kylee Albright (262-989 -6433 or kygregg@mac.com) or Amy Larsen (513-720-8286 or amylarsen2406@att.net) if you have questions.

Food Pantry

For the month of October the food pantry is asking for donations of instant potatoes, side dishes, tuna, canned peaches, pork & beans, and jelly. If you have any left over Halloween candy the pantry would be happy to get it to save for the small goodie bags they give to clients at Christmas. The pantry will be giving out turkeys and other Thanksgiving dinner items again this year. They need instant potatoes, stove top stuffing, corn muffin mix, canned cranberries, jello, sweet potatoes and 13-15 lb turkeys. They would like to have turkeys and Thanksgiving food in by November 18th so they have time to shop for the items they still need. Thank you!

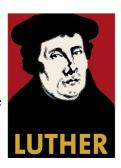
Finance Update

September Finance Numbers Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$35,006.62 Revenue: \$399,402.58 Expense: \$45,039.90 Expense: \$396,012.68 Net income: \$(10,033.28) Net Income: \$3,389.90

Beer, Brats, and Brownies, Sunday, October 27th

Join us after worship next Sunday for Beer, Brats, and Brownies, as we celebrate to 507th anniversary of the Reformation! Come have some delicious brats and hot dogs, scrumptious brownies, and give a toast to Martin Luther. Root beer will also be served, and maybe even some ice cream for floats! Join us for a delightful time of fun, food and fellowship!



Confirmation Class Today

The confirmation class will meet today from 10:30 - noon.

High School Youth Group Meets Next Sunday

All 9th - 12th graders are invited to join with the pastors for a time to check in with your hearts and minds, perhaps be a bit goofy, have a blast and cook dinner! That's right, dinner! Meet from 5:00 - 6:30 October 27th. They will start in the kitchen where all will help prepare a meal to enjoy. See you there, and come hungry!

Ketchup Club

We hope you can join us for lunch at 11:30 at Reefpoint Marina on Tuesday, October 22nd. These gatherings are a good way to "catch up" with old friends and make new ones. If you can, please let Pastor Laura or the office know you will be there by Sunday, October 20th so we can reserve a table. But, if you unexpectedly find yourself free, come join us and we will happily make room at the table! Hope to see you there!

Calling All Crafters!

A craft sale is being planned for this upcoming spring. We would love to have you showcase your creations. Please contact Rose Adamski @ <u>rradamski704@gmail.com</u> or at 262-637-7833 if interested and for further details.

Prayer Team

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to amylarsen2406@att.net.

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails. **Prayer changes things!**

Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, October 20 = 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

10:30 - Confirmation class

Monday, October 21 - 10:00 Bible Study

1:00 Food Pantry

4:00 - 8:00 Delta Kappa Gamma (Lounge)\

6:30 - 9:00 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Tuesday, October 22 - 11:30 Ketchup Club @ Reefpoint Brewhouse

6:30 - 8:30 Racine Theatre Guild (Mark Hurn room)

Wednesday, October 23 - 5:00 - 7:00 Diaper Ministry

Thursday, October 24 - 7:30 Senior Choir

Friday, October 25 - 1:00 Food Pantry

Sunday, October 27 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School

10:30 Beer, Brats, and Brownies

6:30 High School Youth Group

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" (Michael Shields - verses by GB)

I will call upon the Lord - who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock and may the God of my salvation be exalted.

- 1. When I am frightened- When I feel alone-When I long for Jesus to embrace me as HIs own-(refrain)
- 2. When I feel defeated- lost in despair-Wondering and doubting if God is really there-(refrain)
- 3. When a storm is raging- Towering in its might-When I am uncertain I can make it through the night (refrain)