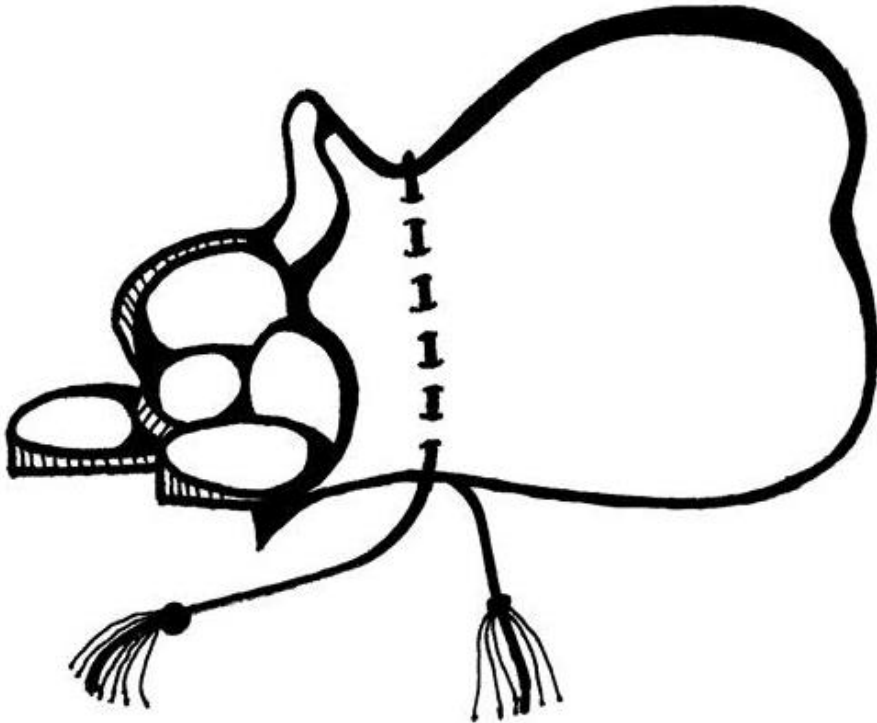


**The 21st Sunday
After Pentecost
October 13, 2024**



Service of the Word

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Welcome to North Riverdale Lutheran Church!

We are honored by your presence with us this morning. A few notes about our service:

- *Our worship service is hybrid – we also have folks participating via Facebook Live.*
- *Please sign the red “Welcome Pad” found in your pew.*
- *We invite you to take an active part in our worship service:*
 - ** marks the places to stand in body or in spirit.*
 - *The Congregation’s spoken parts are **printed in bold print**.*
 - *Hymns and songs are found in the green Lutheran Book of Worship (**LBW**), the blue With One Voice hymnal (**WOV**), or the Praise and Worship Songbook (**PWS**) – all in the pew rack in front of you or at the end of your pew.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark’s gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** 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.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

* OPENING HYMN – *Christ, Be Our Light* (ELW 715)

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



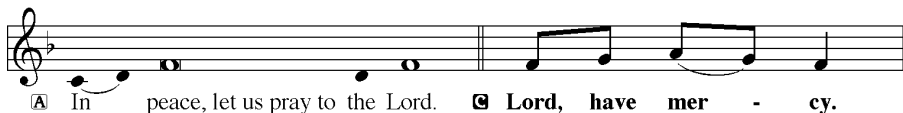
church gath - ered to - day.

* GREETING

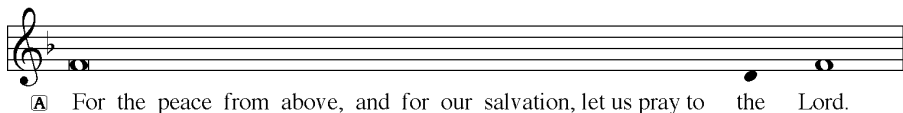
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

* KYRIE (LBW P. 57)



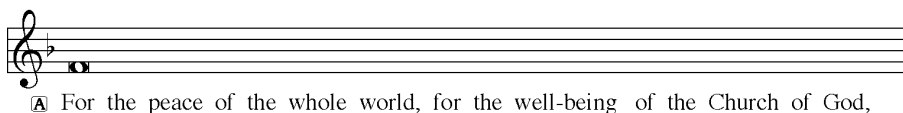
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



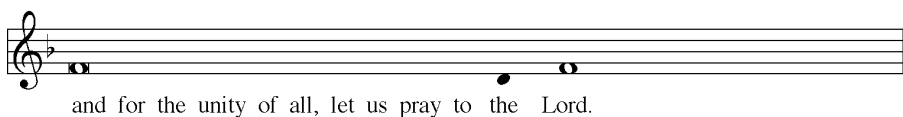
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



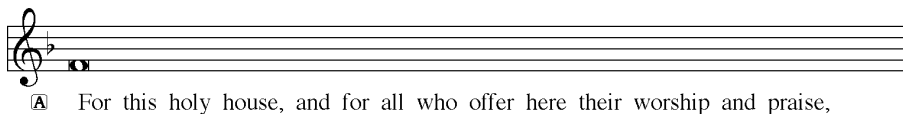
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



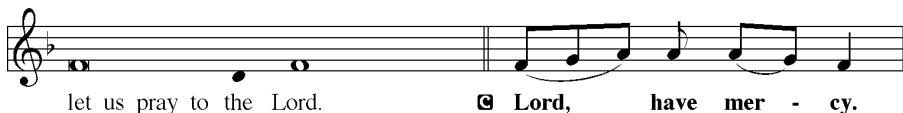
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



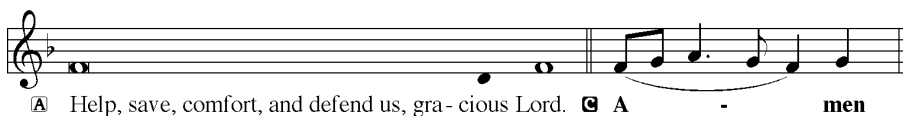
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW P. 58)**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B 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

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A reading from the 5th chapter of Amos.

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?**

Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;

so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us**

and as many years as we suffered adversity.

¹⁶Show your servants your works,

and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;**

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

A reading from the 4th chapter of Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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* 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

* GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

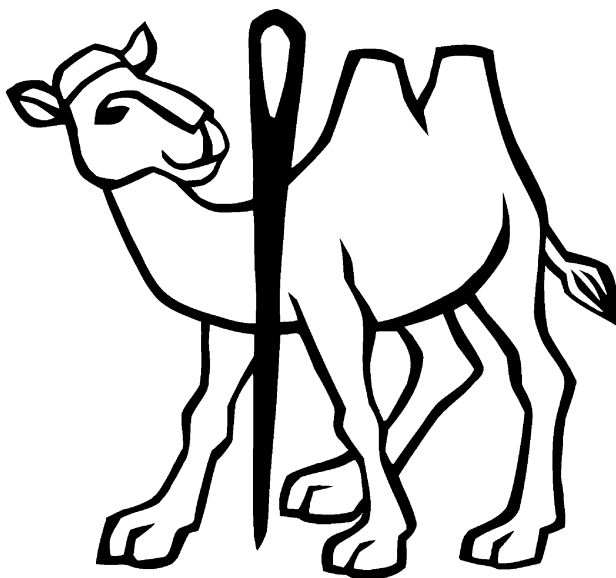
¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children,

how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.



GOSPEL MESSAGE – “Beloved Worth, Not Wealth“

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** *Take My Life, that I May Be* (LBW 406)

ANNOUNCEMENT and JOYS & CONCERNS

*** STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Together we affirm our faith.

We believe in God, and we are the people of God! We believe in the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love. We believe that God is revealed to us through the human life of Jesus, from whose death comes new life. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign. We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the reign of God upon the earth is possible.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love, even though the magnitude of loss from hurricanes last month and this month is immense. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace, especially in the Middle East. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, especially those we have named in our list of Joys and Concerns: _____. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land, including the Shawnee, Miami, Lenape (Delaware), Wyandot, and other Native nations who lived, traveled, and gathered here in Southwest Ohio. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. 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.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those seated near you. After that, please be seated for the offering.

OFFERING and CHOIR ANTHEM



*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

*** LORD'S PRAYER** *(spoken)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

* SENDING HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* (LBW 409)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leader	Minott Gaillard
Musician	Dana Peters
Altar Guild	Donna Alexander and Karen Kurtz
Head Ushers	Denny Wegley and Joe Hasenjager
Greeters	Laura and Tim Roberts
Usher	Tim Roberts
Lay Reader	Donna Alexander
Sound Board	Dick Jones
Live Stream	Chris Mulcahy
Money Counters	Becky and Dave Gruber
Altar Flowers	Karen Burks in honor of Chris Mulcahy's Birthday!

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Statement of Faith – adapted from Ruth Duck, Flames of the Spirit, 1985

TODAY AT NRLC

10:30 AM – Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the emailed Weekly Update for additional announcements.

COMING UP AT NRLC

Monday, October 14 at 6:00 PM – Messy Church Event

Wednesday, October 16 at 3:00 PM – Food Pantry

Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 PM – Euchre Night

Sunday, October 20 at 11:30 AM – Property Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 20 at 11:45 AM – Church Council Meeting

Thursdays at 10:30 AM – Coffee and Fellowship Hour

Thursdays at 6:30 PM – Choir Practice

We do not have electronic files of the songs from today's service that are not reprinted below:

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life, that I May Be* (LBW 406)

1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, if all for thee.

SENDING HYMN *Praise and Thanksgiving* (LBW 409)

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.