# To Be Like Jesus

RANSOM

SERVANT

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

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# October 20, 2024 + Twenty Second 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.

### + GATHERING +

### Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





# **Confession & Forgiveness**

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

"Turn to me and be saved," says the Lord.

"For I am God and there is no other."

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Word of God cuts through all our pretensions and excuses, calling us to join our Savior in true servanthood.

(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. Disobedient and self-centered,

we seek glory without effort, prize without pain.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

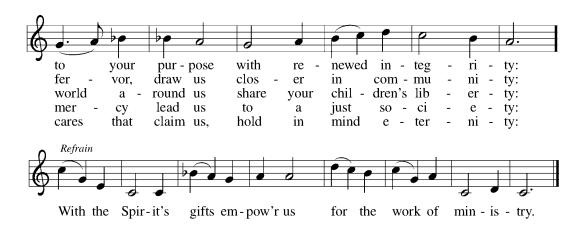
so that we may speak and do what you ordain,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us; numbered with the transgressors, he poured himself out to death. For his sake our sins are forgiven;

in his name we receive mercy, and grace to help in time of need. **Amen.** 

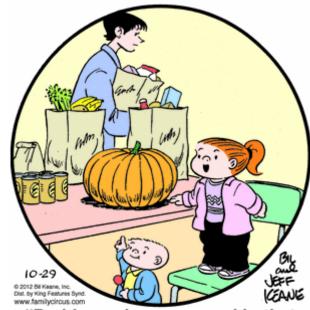
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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



"Daddy, we have a pumpkin that needs you to find it a face."

### + SENDING +

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

May you go as God's people who are blessed to be a blessing.

May you go in the name of Jesus to touch and heal the hurt around us.

May you go with a strong presence of God's Holy Spirit

to be light and love to all the world.

May you go in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



### **Gathering Song**

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi sion, till your love's re veal-ing light
- Called by wor ship to your ser vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed: still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart; As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part. by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole. stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share. that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

# **Opening Litany**

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make your will for us known.

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make known to us the sacrifice you endured for the sake of everyone in your kingdom.

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make known to us the sacrifice you call your disciples to make.

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make yourself known to us in the bread and the cup of Holy Communion

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make your Spirit's fire known to us in the sacrament of Holy Baptism

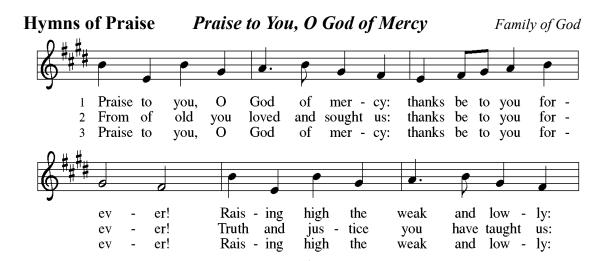
Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make yourself known to us in the faces of all those we serve.

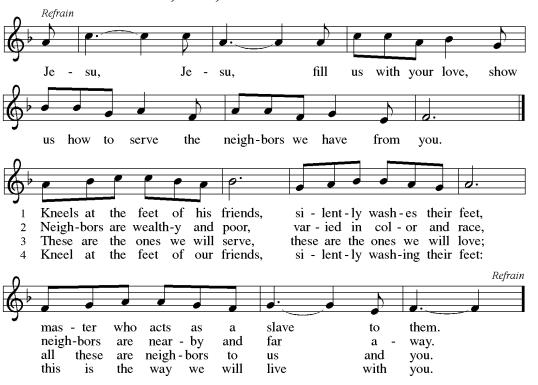
Enthroned above, O Christ our King, make yourself known to us in the faces of all those who serve us.

Enthroned above, O Christ our King, reveal to us your glory in all the humble, holy acts of sacrifice and service.

# **Apostolic Greeting**

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the glorious love bestowed by the + Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.





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# **Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.)
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

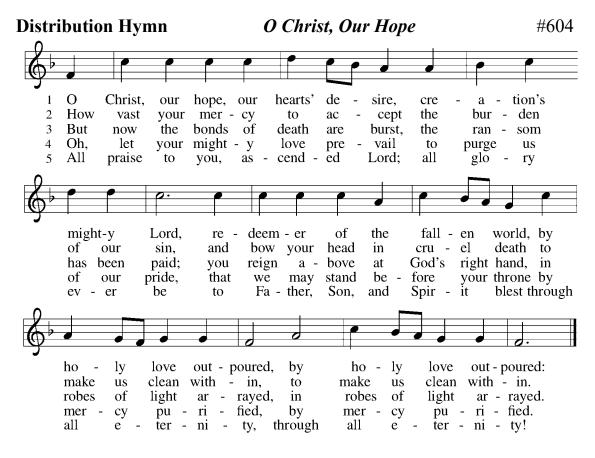


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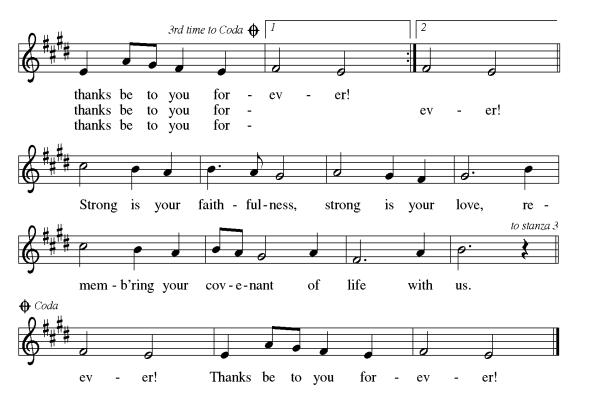
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.



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# Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.) 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.



### + WORD +

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.

# A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But 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.

<sup>6</sup>All 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.

<sup>7</sup>He 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.

<sup>8</sup>By 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.

<sup>9</sup>They 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.

<sup>10</sup>Yet 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.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

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;

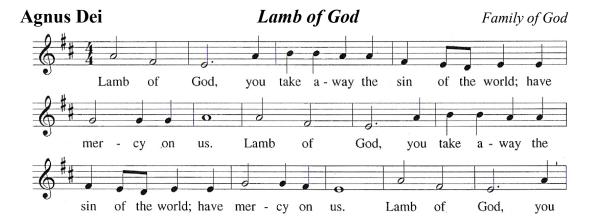
and forgive us our trespasses,

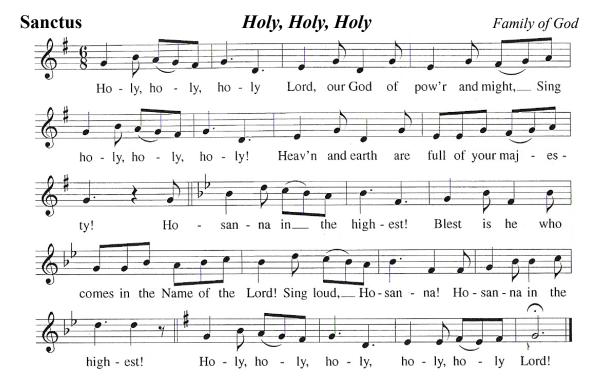
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.





# **Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 91:9-16

Let us read Psalm 91 responsively.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD our refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

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

<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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

<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me;I will uphold them, because they know my name.

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

# **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.

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So 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";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In 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. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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### **+** MEAL **+**

# **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.

# Holy Communion

# **Proper Preface**

Always and everywhere
praise and thanks are due to you, Almighty God,
through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,
by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice
we are bold to stand in your presence,
now and in the day of judgement.
Therefore, with those who bear your name on earth
and those who praise your name on high,
we join the everlasting hymn:



to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, hear our prayer.

- P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- P 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.**

### **Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

### + OFFERING +





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**Holy 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.

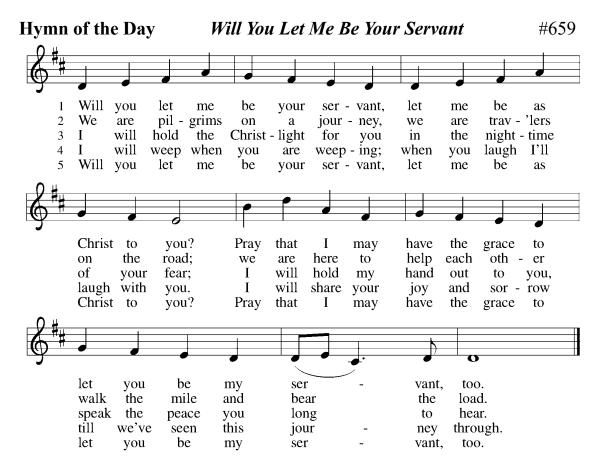
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>35</sup>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." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>8</sup>But 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?" <sup>39</sup>They 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; <sup>40</sup>but 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."

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So 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. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

# **Children's Time Sermon**



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# **Apostles' Creed**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

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 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.

# **Prayers of the People**

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

  A brief silence.
- A Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, vicars, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- P Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- A Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status.

  May economic equity be achieved for all people.

  God of grace, hear our prayer.
- P Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill.

  Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace, *especially*...

  God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd your congregations toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians