

COMMUNION, PRAYERS AND OFFERING

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle. Offerings can be placed in the plates throughout the sanctuary. Make your own way back to your seat.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

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

THE BLESSING SONG

**The LORD bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**

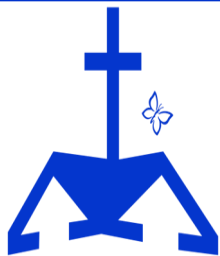
P: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Please join us for our Gather Together Fellowship with treats, beverages and friendly conversation.



Memorial Service for
Larry Stephens at
United Lutheran

Saturday, October 26th at
11:30a.m. Visitation at 10:30.

Sunday October 20, 2024
United Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN



"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the People of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREETING

INVOCATION: We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *You Servants of God* #825

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

C: And also with you.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and in song.

FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:1-10 (The Message)

L: Our First Reading is from Hebrews in the 5th chapter.

C: Open our hearts to hear your Word.

5¹⁻³ Every high priest selected to represent men and women before God and offer sacrifices for their sins should be able to deal gently with their failings, since he knows what it's like from his own experience. But that also means that he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as the peoples'.

⁴⁻⁶ No one elects himself to this honored position. He's called to it by God, as Aaron was. Neither did Christ presume to set himself up as high priest, but was set apart by the One who said to him, "You're my Son; today I celebrate you!" In another place God declares, "You're a priest forever in the royal order of Melchizedek."

⁷⁻¹⁰ While he lived on earth, anticipating death, Jesus cried out in pain and wept in sorrow as he offered up priestly prayers to God. Because he honored God, God answered him. Though he was God's Son, he learned trusting-obedience by what he suffered, just as we do. Then, having arrived at the full stature of his maturity and having been announced by God as high priest in the order of Melchizedek, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who believingly obey him.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

SPARK STORY BIBLE: *James and John* page 336-337

Reader: Zoey Jeppesen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION *"Alleluia! Lord And Savior" P. 205*

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

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.

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 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?" 39 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; 40 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."

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

L: This is the gospel of our LORD.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* #551

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

petition response to "Lord, in your mercy," **"hear our prayer."**

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD (See screen for music and words.)