

GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOD - ELCA
Fall Leadership Conference
Worship Service

OCTOBER 12, 2020

9:30 AM SERVICE

WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING LITANY

L: We are called to live among God's faithful people... and we implore you to do the same.

C: Call us, O God, Call us!

L: We gather today to hear the Word of God... keep up the good work of online worship.

C: Gather us, O God, Gather us!

L: We are empowered to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ through word and deed... daily making a difference in the world.

C: Empower us, O God, Empower us!

L: We are sent to serve all people following the example of Jesus... and get to know those the world has forgotten.

C: Send us, O God, Send us!

L: We continue to strive for justice and peace in all the earth... even when it puts you in a place of discomfort.

C: Justice, O God, Justice!

CONFESSION

L: We bring our confession to the One who created with us, the One who redeems us, and the One who cleanses and renews our hearts.

Generous God,

C: We are grateful for Your generosity for ourselves, but become jealous when You pour out Your generosity unto those we see as undeserving. When You call us to see difficult truths through Your parables we challenge Your authority instead of knowing You are calling us to follow You. To protect our status quo we will harm instead of heal, beat others instead of being a balm, and will kill instead of working towards the creation of the beloved community. Forgive us Lord. Help us to soften and examine our hearts. Release us from our fears so we can follow your command to love You and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

L: Hear this Good News: your sins are forgiven and you are set free by the gracious love of God. Live courageously in that

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the

emperor, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Rev. Lamont Wells

INSTALLATION OF CHRIS MANKE TO OUTREACH FOR HOPE

APOSTLES’ CREED

**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 THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy.
C: Receive our prayer.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The offering for today's worship will be given to Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Visit <https://tithely.app.link/greater-milwaukee-synod> and enter your cell number for a direct link to install our app.

Tap the red heart on the bottom right corner of the app to give online (select "Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM)" from the dropdown) or by text (text a dollar figure to the number provided to get started)

Otherwise, you can send in checks made payable to "Lutheran Campus Ministry" and mail them to the synod office.

CLOSING LITANY

L: Jesus, you ask us to give to God what is God's and we remember...

That earth and sky

C: Belong to God

L: That land and sea

C: Belong to God

L: That time and eternity

C: Belong to God

L: That life and death

C: Belong to God

L: That peoples and nations

C: Belong to God

L: That the gifts of our labor

C: Belong to God

L: That our whole lives

C: Belong to God

L: And so as we leave this worship

C: we give to God what is God's

L: for the sake of all that God has made

C: "For the Lord our God is the Lord alone." (Deut 6:4)

BENEDICTION

L: People of God, you are Christ's body bringing hope in an anxious time to a weary world. The Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"My Lighthouse"