Zion Lutheran Church
210 North Wayne Street
St. Marys, OH 45885

October 3, 2021
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Setting 3 — Page 138 Red Hymnal

PRELUDE *Oh Thou Whose Presence* Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* #679

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Page 94

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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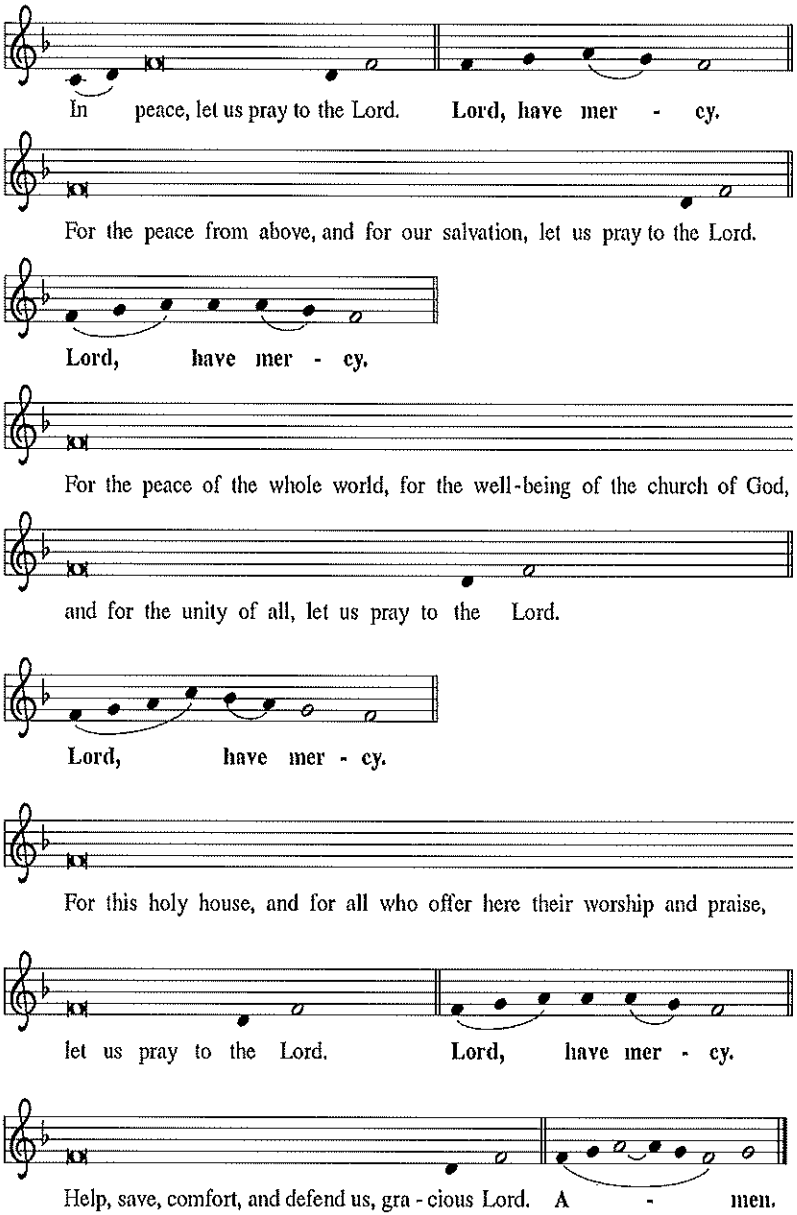
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

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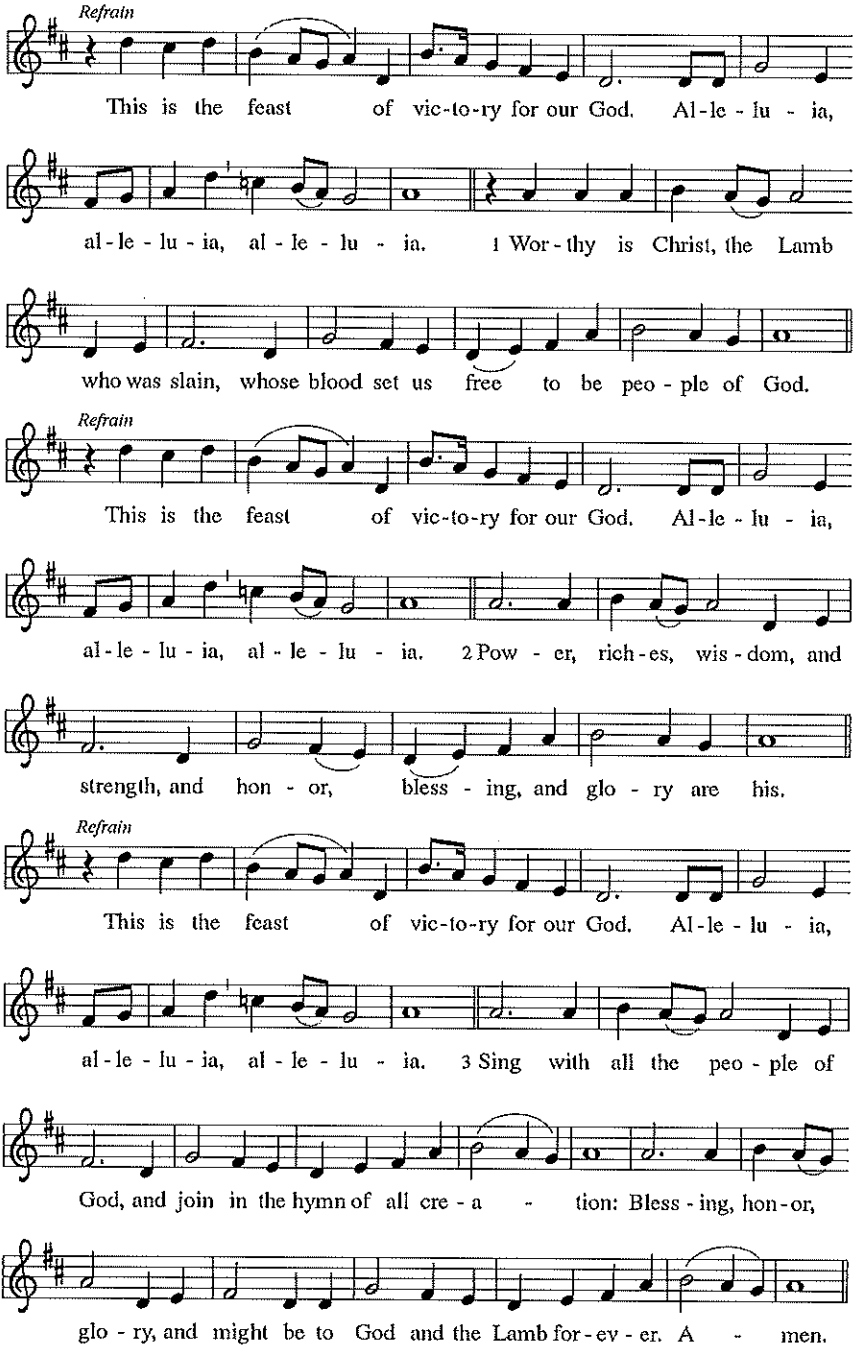
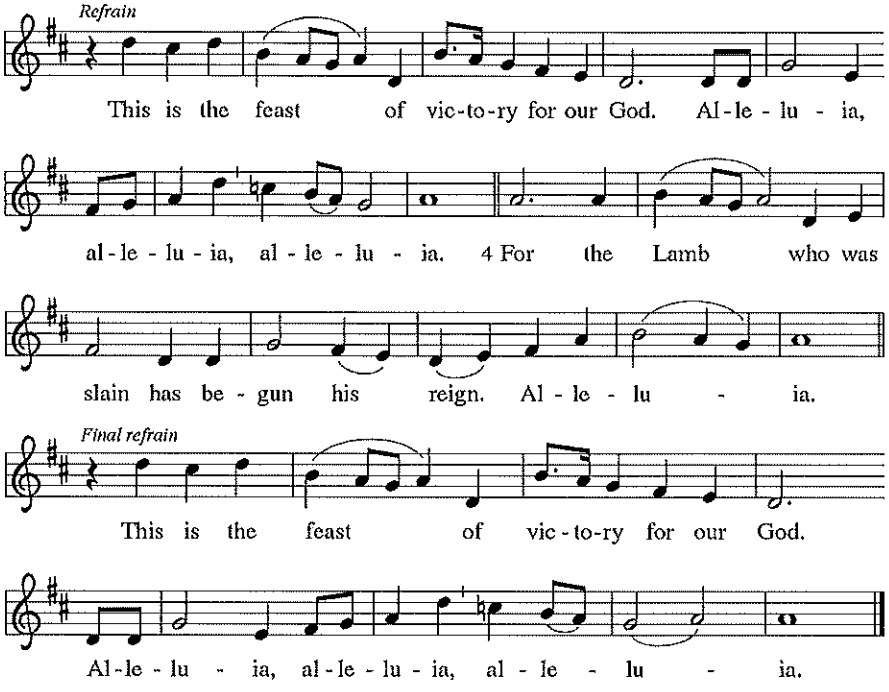
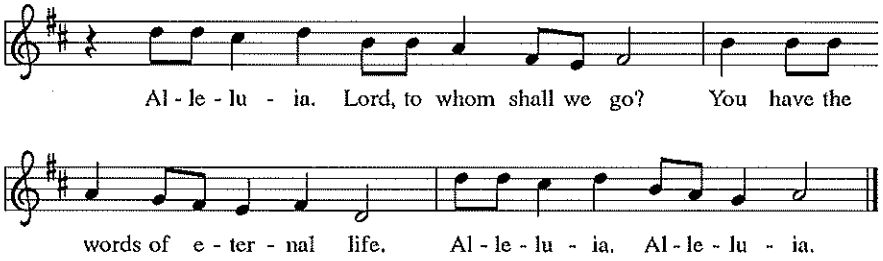




PRAYER OF THE DAY		Insert
FIRST READING	**Genesis 2:18-25**	Insert
PSALM 128		Insert
SECOND READING	**Hebrews 2:1-18**	Insert

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the tenth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Mark 10:2-16** Insert

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Bill

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God, When Human Bonds are Broken"* #603

NICENE CREED Page 104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

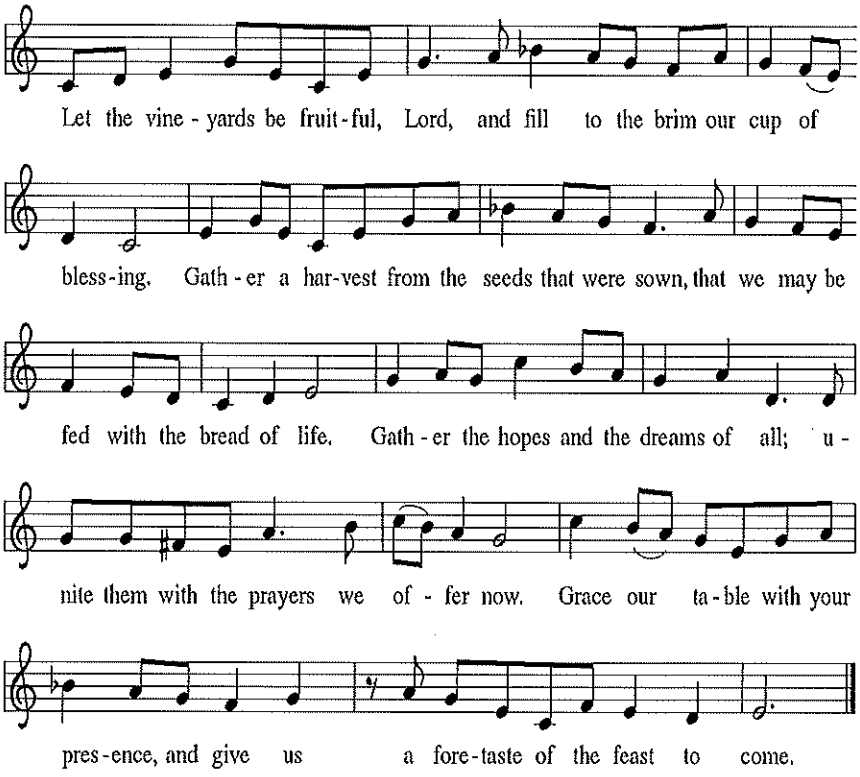
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Deep River* Spiritual

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

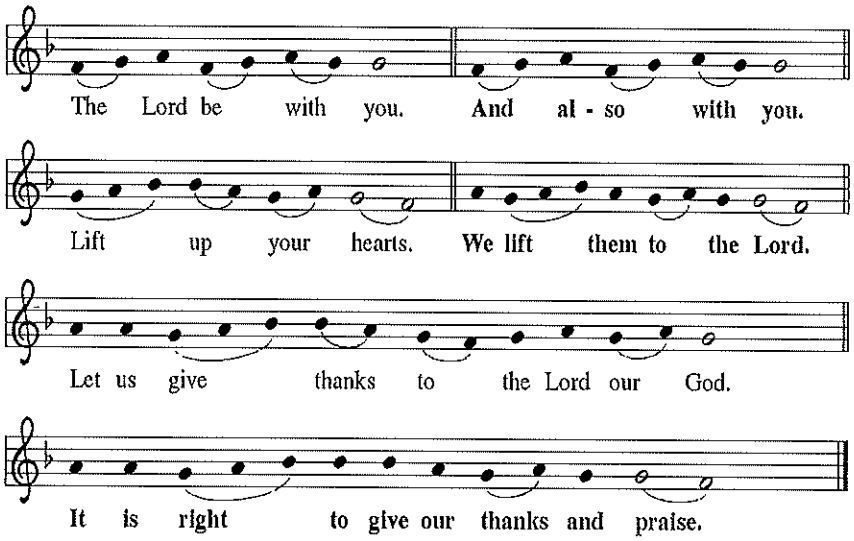


OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Lord God, we give you thanks for the wondrous gifts you have so freely given us. You are the source of our lives, our work, and our possessions. In an act of worship, we offer back to you what you have first given to us, that our sacrifices in some small way, might express our devotion to you and be used to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

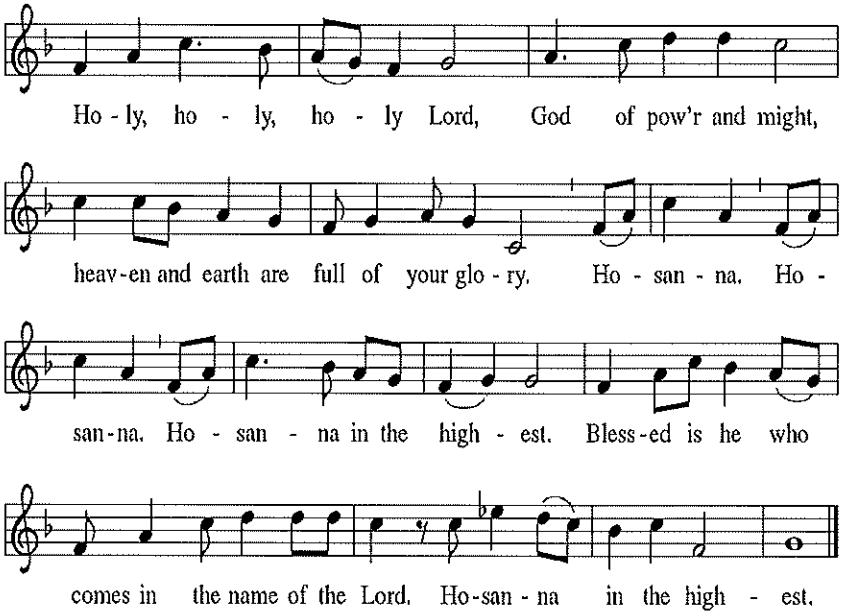


PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

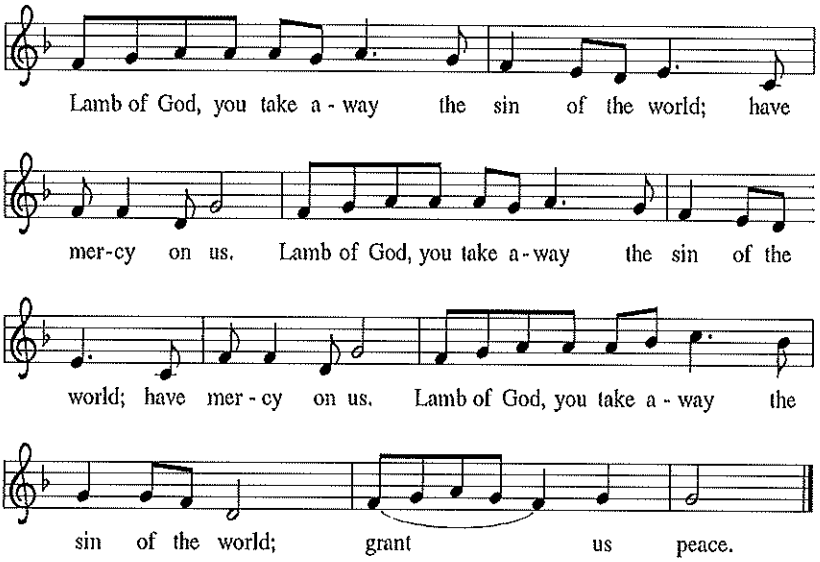
P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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.

COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Our Father, We Have Wandered" #606
"What Feast of Love" #487

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.
We humbly ask you, O Lord, to fill us with your love and forgiveness as you renew us through your holy Sacrament. Grant us hope for today and all our days to come, that strengthened in the faith we would live to serve you alone.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
And give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *"O Living Bread from Heaven"* #542

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Chant Heroique* Blake

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Memory Verse **Hebrews 2:9**

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Happy Birthday Ann!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Ann Maki's birthday today by Alexa & Jeremy Kemmann.

A pair of roses have been placed on the altar in honor of Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie's 51st Wedding Anniversary today.

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*Today, October 3**

Acolytes:	8AM: Makenna Meinderding 10:30am: Calianna Bond-Awls
Communion Assistants:	8AM: Chris White, Jody Slemmons 10:30AM: Dan & Cheryl Macklem
Crucifer:	8AM: Isaac Torsell 10:30AM: Kendra Rothe
Ushers:	8AM: Mark & Connie Torsell, John & Amy Hesse 10:30AM: Suzie & Ken Ankerman, Stan & Debbie Brown
Fellowship Table:	8AM: Joyce Ross 10:30am: Jenny Eberle
Greeters:	8AM: Judy Schultz, Vic Von Blon 10:30AM: Dwayne & Ruth Hoenie
Readers:	8AM: Doris Cook 10:30AM: Kathy Lampert

*Next Sunday, October 10**

Acolytes:	8AM: Grady Hughes 10:30am: Megan Miller
Ushers:	8AM: Rhonda Weaver, Chris White, Judy Schultz, Deb Henning 10:30AM: Dan Macklem, Darl Bishir, John & Donna Ankerman
Fellowship Table:	8AM: Miriam & Kraig Johns 10:30am: Cheryl & Dan Macklem
Greeters:	8AM: Ed & Linda Yahl 10:30AM: Steve & Dora McAfee
Readers:	8AM: Donna Decker 10:30AM: Savanah Slater

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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 3, 2021

"So they are no longer two but one flesh." (Mark 10:8)

This passage can cause people to become nervous, squeamish, and sometimes defensive. Maybe that's why Jesus' critics chose this topic and "tested" (vs. 2) him with a question about divorce and remarriage. They wanted to make him squirm, and to embarrass and discredit him. What better way to do that than to get into a debate about divorce? Jesus does not wrestle with them but rather refocuses on God's intentions in creating marriage in the first place.

Let's attempt to think theologically about marriage instead of focusing primarily upon the "rules" of divorce and remarriage. Today, some tend to think of marriage as a means of fulfilling our personal desires, of getting more out of marriage than giving. Jesus speaks of marriage as revealing something about God and his intentions for us. Divorce is a serious matter that causes great pain and anguish. If marriage is what God intends, then we can see why divorce causes such pain, even when divorce seems to be the best option. And because of Jesus' concern for children, we can see why caring about children caught up in divorce should be a major concern.

Another major concern is care for the victimized, the hurting, and the vulnerable. It's not so much about judging those caught up in the difficulties of divorce or letting people off the moral hook too easily. Jesus responds to their question not by talking about divorce and remarriage, but by talking about marriage. He doesn't say much on the grounds for divorce or remarriage (one sentence) but speaks more of God's purposes for marriage (five sentences). God's

intention from the beginning was a love relationship with humanity, and humanity in a love relationship with one another. In Genesis, God, the man, and the woman easily had conversation with one another and were in relationship. The man and the woman were created by God to be together and to be in union as one flesh. But things didn't work out as God originally intended as the woman and the man mutually disobeyed God and were cast out of the garden.

That disorder is not what God intended for us. And that's what Jesus says in his response to the critics. Jesus speaks about marriage, about God, about the God's intent in thinking up the male, the female, and marriage in the first place. Amen.

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