



October 18, 2020 – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

As We Gather: Countless times the Pharisees and others tried to test, trap, and trick Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead use those times to teach about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who offers us forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising. Rejoicing in His grace, in response to His love, we faithfully, “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

Welcome

Hymn: LSB 966 “Before The Lord We Bow”

- 1. Before the Lord we bow, Our God who reigns above And rules the world below, Boundless in power and love. Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!**
- 2. Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own; Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone, Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before the Crucified.**
- 3. And when in power He comes, Oh, may our native land From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band, A countless throng, With joy to sing To heaven’s high King Salvation’s song!**

Invocation

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

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: **According to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

People: **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone.

People: **We have not loved You with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him and in His stead, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Psalm *Psalm 96:1–9*

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

People: **Before the LORD, for He comes.**

Pastor: For He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

People: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7 (*Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will use unbelieving Cyrus to demonstrate that He alone is God.*)

¹"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ²I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (*Paul begins his letter to the Thessalonians commending them for their faith and example.*)

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the LORD Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our LORD Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the LORD, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The LORD's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15–22 (*During Holy Week the Pharisees and Herodians try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar.*)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" ²¹"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: LSB 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your power; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.**
- 2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways. From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.**
- 3. Cure Your children's waring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**
- 4. Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory ev-er-more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.**

Sermon: Matthew 22:15-22 "Timeless Principles Regarding God and Country"

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Hymn: LSB 637 "Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord"

- 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you out-poured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**
- 2. He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields; With heavenly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3. Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As In this feast of love You bless us now.**

Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (*Augsburg Confession-Article X*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord, our God, for You have gathered us as one and have shown mercy to all in Christ our Redeemer. Receive our thanks for Christ's loving invitation, unite our praises with those of all the faithful, and join them with the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as we joyfully say:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy Holy (*Words and music in hymnal page 195*)

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

The Greeting of Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God (*Words and music in hymnal page 198*)

All: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Communion Distribution

Nunc Dimittis: Song of Simeon (*Words and music in hymnal on page 199*)

All: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for
mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a
light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to
the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Christ our King, we give You thanks for having fed us through this Sacrament. Strengthen us, we
pray, that we may live in obedience to You and honor Your name in our thoughts, words, and
actions; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night, When the
wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies; On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry; God save the state!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of October 18, 2020

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PRAY FOR: Katelyn Foley Family
Trinity, Freistatt - Rev. Jake Sletten

Prayers of Condolence

Chris Meadows – (Son of a Friend of Sue Doss – peace and comfort to the family on his passing)
Bonnie Van Cora– (Friend of Cathy Munden – peace and comfort on passing of her husband, Jeff)
Bill Oldfield – (Peace and comfort for Sherry Oldfield at death of her husband)

Prayers of Thanksgiving - Jennifer McCoy after surgery

Cody Priest – (Nephew of Dennis Doss – health and healing from a broken leg)
Don Blalack – (Brother-in-law of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
Pastor Cliff Loman – (Health and healing from blood clots)
Michael Lampe – (Pastor’s son – health and healing)
Vincent Lindstrom – (Joan Wolf’s Dad – health and healing)
Mary Cantrell – (Sister of Edith Chambers – health and healing)
Tonya Janes – (Friend of Jennifer Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Bob Painter – (Friend of David Lampe - Health and healing from surgery)
Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)
Samantha Kennedy - (Friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)
Mark Rosenquist – (Brother of Margaret Morrison—health, healing & safety)
Corey Gregory - (Friend of Leah Henbest—health and healing)
Rick Knutson – (Friend of Grace - health and healing)
Milton Johnson – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
Cindy Yang – (Friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing from cancer)
Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)
Helen Springer - (health and healing)

THIS WEEK

Sunday	October 18th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am Elder’s meeting Outreach Meeting
Monday	October 19th	Council Meeting
Wednesday	October 21st	Pastor in Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	October 22nd	Pastor in Office
Sunday	October 25th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am

Birthdays this week: Bernie Smith-17; Jim Gordon-18
Anniversaries: Alan & Diane Heisner-19; Vaughn & Pam Bowling-23

Services in November and December

The Church Council will be making a decision about November and December services this Monday night. If anyone wants to share their opinion, they can talk to an Elder or Council member.

THANK YOU – to all who helped in cleanup around the church this past week!

Plus One will be collecting socks and underwear for the Blue Barrel Project for the month of "Socktober". Please consider contributing and supporting our school. Check the church website for more information at

PASTOR: Pastor will continue to have time at the church. But the best way to contact him is by his cell phone which you can do at any time (417-366-3597). If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

Men's long sleeve button-up dress shirts are being collected by Sue Doss for the Dress A Girl program. This is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International – a non-denominational independent Christian organization that has been making dresses since 2006. The chapter working here locally is Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri. You can learn more at the Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri Facebook page. If you have any shirts, please get them to Sue. They do not have to be new but they do need to be in good condition and clean.



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Thank you for your support!



October

GREETERS

18 – Diane Smith & Edith Chambers
25 - Bernie & Shari Smith

USHERS

18 - Dale Smith
25 – Charlie Chambers
