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Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer Before Worship: Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore, as we gather to worship, we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a moment of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

KEY: ELW = Worship hymnal (cranberry)

Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** type.

A Warm Welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship our Lord. We pray our worship together would strengthen your faith and desire to know and serve the One who loves us with an everlasting love as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

***Visitors,** if you are worshipping with us in person or online today,
we are glad to have you with us.*

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

✠WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS✠

***Confession of Sins/Assurance of Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross ✠ the sign marked at baptism, as we begin)

We gather together, whether in-person or online, as the baptized people of God in the name of the Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin in the presence of one another and of God.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

Faithful God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs and wants before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, forgive our sins, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God,
raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†GOD'S WORD SPEAKS TO US†

Psalm 96:1-9

Read Responsively

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

(spoken)

**Alleluia. Shine like stars in the world,
holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.**

(Phil. 2: 15,16)

***Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

Response after the announcement of the gospel:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Response after the gospel reading:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon

Angie Hinze

Sermon

Pastor Sheryl

(Silence for Reflection and Meditation.)

‡WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD‡

***Hymn:**

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**ELW #686
vv. 1,2&4**

**1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.**

**4. And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.**

***Profession of Faith: The 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 Church:**

Each petition ends with:

Lord in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

....in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

***Offering Prayer**

Having offered ourselves and our gifts to God, let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Words of Institution

The 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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come, for the gifts of God are ready for the people of God.

Distribution of Communion:

Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper with gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

All are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion.

(Communion will be served continuously at one station in the front of the church with the pulpit side of the church being dismissed first.

*WHITE GRAPE JUICE and GLUTEN FREE WAFERS are available. Just ask the server.
Children who are not yet communicants are invited to come forward for a blessing.)*

"Sanctuary"

Choir

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

‡WE DEPART TO SERVE‡

***Benediction**

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. **Amen.**

***Hymn:**

“You Servants of God”

ELW #825

vv. 1&2

**1. You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**2. Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor as Christ loves you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pam Halley, 10/18; Joani Kleensang, 10/20; Mabel Dedlow, 10/20;
Pastor Sheryl Kester Beyer, 10/21; Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, 10/21;
Carol Zier, 10/23; Rayce Walsh, 10/24; Paris Miller, 10/24

If we have missed your birthday, please let the office know. Thanks.

✚In Our Thoughts and Prayers✚

Prayers for healing: **Tom Walsh** (Hospice—Nannie Walsh's father in-law), **Bev Paul** (COVID-19), **Myron Loseke**, **Barb Michael** (Broken Hip—Bill Michael's mom), **Jerry Weekes** (recovering from a horse accident), **Reuben & Gloria Gorr** (health issues), **Alan** (recovery of vision—Kathy Randall's cousin), **Jordan Hein** (cancer treatment—former member of Calvary), **Michael Dietrich** (friend of Dave & Penny Stevens), **Julie** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family), **Barb** (cancer—Marlene Downer's sister-in-law), **Joan** (cancer—niece of Marj Nikont), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for our church, community, nation and world: in this time of Covid-19, fires, natural disasters and general unsettledness.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request you would like added to the prayers of the people on Sunday morning, during the week you may notify Christy in the church office, let us know by filling out the online Attendance and Prayer Request card under the worship tab on our website or on Sunday morning, inform one of the ushers of your prayer request and they will make a list and give those to the pastor before worship begins.





WOMEN OF THE ELCA OCTOBER MISSION PROJECT: CatPack and PupPack program

OCTOBER FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

FOOD PANTRY: canned veggies

BACKPACKS: oatmeal

Containers are located outside Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for your generosity.



JAM will be on Wednesdays!

Our Wednesday evening youth group is for kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Starting this Wednesday there will be NO meal and will meet from 6-7 p.m. for storytelling, music, crafts, games, and lots of fun. We will be practicing social distancing, and masks are now required since we are in the orange on the COVID-19 dial. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie, Pastor Chris, or Pastor Sheryl at the church.



October is

Pastor Appreciation

Month



Please join us on October 18th following worship for a Pastor Appreciation reception, in the Fellowship Hall to say 'Thank You' to our Pastors. Cupcakes and coffee will be provided.

Scholarship
Renewal

Reminder for Scholarship renewal application forms must be into the church office by November 1st for second semester payment.



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 God's work. Our hands.



Lutheran Disaster Response

Wildfires in the West. Hurricanes in the South. Tornadoes in the Midwest. Covid-19. Throughout our nation and around the world, disaster strikes with alarming frequency and sometimes it can feel as if we are helpless in the face of it all. But whenever and

wherever disaster strikes, you are there through the work of Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), not only in the immediate aftermath but also long after the disaster has faded from the headlines. Your donations to the work of LDR are critical in allowing LDR to make a difference when disaster strikes. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response either by going to: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response> or by making a donation to Calvary specifically earmarked for Lutheran Disaster Response or if you wish you can even be more specific by writing 'wildfires', 'hurricanes', etc. in your memo line. And remember, 100% of what you donate will go for disaster response!



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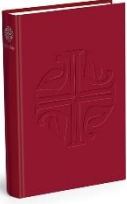


Pastors' Tuesday Evening Study

"Vindicating the Vixens" is the study book for this fall's Tuesday evening study. This book takes a deep look at several of the women in the Bible and challenges how we often interpret their stories. Interested in the study but would prefer to Zoom-in? Let us know and we'll send you the Zoom link. Plan now to join us!



Hymnal Available to Borrow



Do you miss being able to follow along with the music when we sing a hymn or song during worship? Hymnals are available to borrow for those who wish to. We only ask, per Governor Ricketts health directives if worshipping with us in person, that you bring it with you to worship and take it home with you after, rather than leaving it in the pew. Want to borrow a hymnal talk to Pastors Chris or Sheryl or one of the ushers.

Are YOU using the gift's God gave you?

THESE TEAMS NEED YOU!

Our Livestream worship is up and running and we are so thankful to those who have made a commitment to our Media and Audio Teams who make the Livestream happen.

However, we are in need of a couple more people

for both our Media Team and Audio Team (these are separate jobs). If interested in serving in this way, please talk to Pastors Sheryl or Chris or Dennis Gorr.



If you would still like to donate to the CROP Walk you may do so by contacting Jack Martin at (308)765-1648 or by dropping your donation off at the church office. Thank you for your support!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors Chris and Sheryl Kester Beyer

This Sunday – October 18

USHERS: Deb Brown & Jack Martin

LAY READER: Jack Martin

COMMUNION ASST: Bill Huelle

POWERPOINT: Shawna Payne

MEDIA: Jeff Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Abby Newsom, Maunette Loeks-Van Patten, Barb Jensen, Nannie Walsh

ORGANIST: Rhonda Boettcher

SONG LEADER: Colter Burkey

Next Sunday – October 25

USHERS: Kent & Dawn Holub

LAY READER: Kathy Randall

COMMUNION ASST: Colter Burkey

POWERPOINT: Mary Jo Huelle

MEDIA: Maunette Loeks-Van Patten

ALTAR GUILD: Deb Brown, Vicki Howell, Tracy Steele

PIANIST: Dee Brady

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 18

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion

11 a.m. – Pastor Appreciation Reception

Monday, October 19

5 p.m. – Elders

6 p.m. – Stewards

6 p.m. – Worship/Music

Tuesday, October 20

8:30 a.m. – Men's Study @ Calvary's Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

12 p.m. – Women's Study @ Calvary

1 p.m. – Quilting

7 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Confirmation on Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

6 - 7 p.m. – JAM

7 p.m. – Choir Practice

Saturday, October 24

8 a.m. – Trustees

5:30 p.m. – In-Person Worship

Sunday, October 25

Reformation & Confirmation Sunday

10 a.m. – In-Person & Online Worship

10:45-11:15 a.m. – Drive Through Communion

OCTOBER 18, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God does great things through people.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
Monday	Isaiah 45:1-7	Cyrus serves the Lord
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	The example of faith
Wednesday	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses' intercession
Thursday	Psalm 99	Our Lord is king
Friday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Saturday	Psalm 96:1-13	Sing a new song
Sunday	Matthew 22:34-46	Loving God and neighbor

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, use our gifts, our faith, our hope in you, to do labors of love for the sake of Jesus Christ and his reign on earth. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for how you provide for us and for the hands that have brought this food to us today. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who has chosen you in love, give you grace and peace. (1 Thessalonians 1:1, 4)



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OCTOBER 18, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Open Your Ears,
O Faithful People*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is something you have accomplished and are proud of?
- How can God use your efforts—your deeds—for others?
- Is it a surprise that God can use your efforts to accomplish God's will on earth? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 45:1-7.

Cyrus is a Persian king. He is not part of God's chosen people through Abraham, Isaac or Jacob. Cyrus doesn't even know the God of Israel, and yet Cyrus does God's will by setting God's people free to return home from exile in Babylon. Isaiah lifts up the supreme power and authority of God's rule throughout the world. Besides the LORD, there is no god (v. 5). All that is, is God's. It is easy for us to forget that God can use others outside of the body of Christ to do God's will on earth. No wonder Psalm 96 commands all the earth to sing to the LORD (v. 1). In the midst of the tragedies that happen all too often around us, it is important to remember that we are a people of hope and trust in the God who holds all things together. The Apostle Paul wrote with thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' faith, love, and hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3). As a chosen people, Paul gladly affirms that they do God's work of love on earth through their "work of faith" and "steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 3). How does God's rule on earth give you hope and encourage you to act with love and faith?
Pray: God of power and might, we thank you for your glory that breathes hope and love into all corners of the earth through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

God is the ruler of all of creation and we, God's servants, have responsibility to care for all that God has created. One of the greatest concerns for our world today is to care for the earth that is suffering under the weight of carbon emissions, overflowing landfills and polluted air and water. What can you do to reduce the waste that harms the earth?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalm 96 is a song of praise to God. It tells of the sea roaring, the creatures and fields rejoicing, and the trees singing. In what ways do you praise God through sounds and music? Sing a favorite Christian hymn. Think about what the words say about God. Then say: Sing a new song to the Lord! Everyone on this earth, sing praises to the Lord, sing and praise his name. (w. 1-2a)



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