

Order of Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

DR. HERB GEISLER, ORGANIST

WELCOME

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin’s Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, sts. 1-3,5, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

*Worshippers are invited to kneel for the Confession and Absolution.
Those who desire not to kneel may sit or stand.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"

Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks, Give thanks!

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE EPISTLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

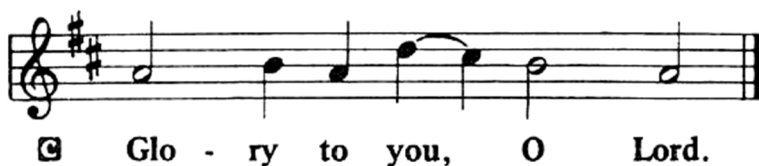
Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-22

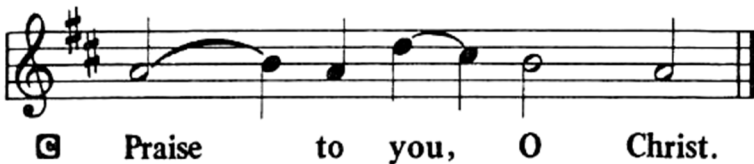
Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter twenty-two.



THE READING OF THE HOLY GOSPEL

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN LUCAS

"Where's Your Heart?"

THE NICENE CREED

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 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY

At this time, you may give your offering electronically.

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or Text: 844-374-6845

You may also place your offering in the gray baskets in the Narthex.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition the prayer concludes:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *As Lutheran communicants, we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this Holy Supper. Be mindful of the words of St. Paul: "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)*

Are you truly sorry for your sins? Do you believe that your sins are forgiven because Jesus died for them? Do you believe that Jesus gives you his own body and blood in the Sacrament as a seal of that forgiveness? Is it your sincere intention to do better in living a Christian life? Then come, and receive assurance and strengthening from Jesus.

NOTE: *In the center of each communion tray are a few glasses with grape juice wine for those who are on alcohol restrictive medications or who, for personal reasons, wish to abstain from wine. Also we have gluten-free communion wafers available for those who need them. They are in the small plastic containers on the wafer trays (patens). The empty plastic containers may be placed in the bags with the used communion cups.*

† HOLY COMMUNION †

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 at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, as there is no other like You, who has taken upon Himself our sin to death on the cross and risen victorious. You are the eternal authority over heaven and earth, and we humbly come before You, as with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

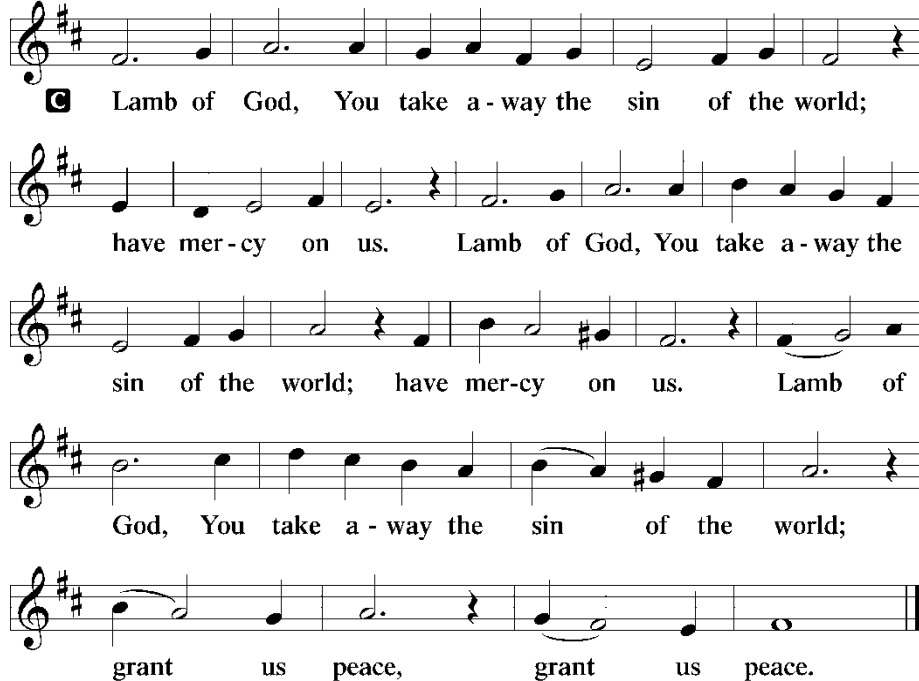
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

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

AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!

At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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THE DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav’n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: *Church Poetry*, Philadelphia, 1823, sts. 1-2, alt.; Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, st. 3
Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941
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Flowers

The flowers which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord in celebration of **Katie Beniche's** birthday.

We Pray For This Week

June Wheeler & Family, Nathan Wheeler & Family, Shawn Wendt & Family, Ruth Werner, Dennis & Debbie Westergard, Ruth Wetzol, Michael Bivens, Wayne Blanchard, Joseph Douglas

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Patricia Howard

Maggie Winn

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly

Alexander Hernandez

Jan Morton

We pray for those who are recovering:

Rocky Hewitt

Brad Morton