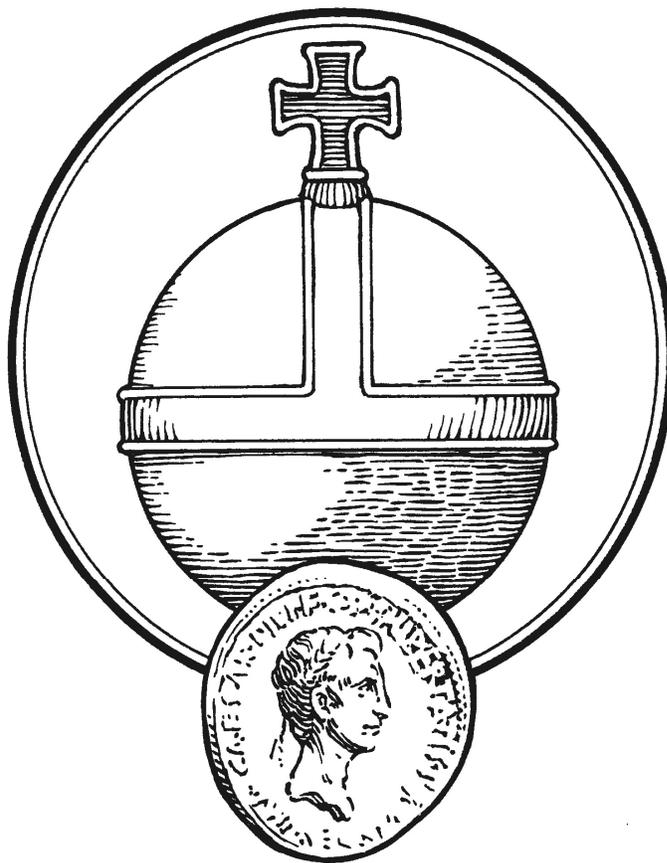


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Let me have a special sense of Thy nearness to me, O God, in such times as I may be able to devote to prayer, to any public exercise of worship, or to the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When Christ is challenged, He doesn't back down, but speaks clearly. He is the true King of all who calls all of His children in the power of the Holy Spirit to new life as citizens of the heavenly kingdom. But His kingdom is not of this world, and it doesn't play by the same rules. The kingdom of Christ overcomes the world and blasts through the oppression of self-righteousness in the law, yielding an abundance of grace in His mercy and forgiveness, freely given to all who trust in Him.



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Celebrating 500 Years of the Reformation

If we think politics today are out of control, we'd be blown away at what happened during the time of the Reformation! The political juggernauts of the day constantly sparred for power and position. Back then, the main players were France, Germany (the "Holy Roman Empire") and the Papal States. The Roman Church actually held and governed territories and even fielded its own army, with Swiss mercenaries (the Swiss Guard) providing protection for the pope. The Church was not strong enough to contend against its neighbors for supreme authority, so it would often cozy up with leaders of European states.

With the election of Charles V as Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire in 1519, this political balance was threatened. Charles' family, the House of Habsburg, was seen as too powerful, for Charles had already inherited Spain and had the support of Austria and Hungary. This fear of his power prompted Pope Leo X and Francis I of France to work against the newly elected Emperor.

Yet Charles had little time (and even less incentive!) to do the pope's bidding. Devout in his Catholic faith, he was expected to reinforce the authority of the Roman Church in Protestant Germany, but he was in constant conflict with France and was often preoccupied by the threat from the invading Ottoman Empire (the Turks) after 1526. So Charles would be in almost constant conflict throughout his rule and would even command his own troops to sack Rome in 1527! Though he had always intended to bring Protestants back within the Roman fold—even using military force to do so in 1547—the Word of God could not be squashed out by force. The Word would continue to prevail over all that would seek to destroy it, as the Holy Spirit set ablaze hearts of faith in Christ alone.

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers.



PRELUDE

Four Interpretations on "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"
... Paul Manz; Jeffrey Blersch; Gerard Bunk; John A. Behnke

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

There's no doubt. We have absolute certainty of salvation. Christ has accomplished it all on the cross. So if the ultimate is sure, the penultimate is no longer so deadly serious.
~ Pr.

Matthew Harrison, referencing Luther, August 1, 2013

P: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are in bondage 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: 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 minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” green hymnal #542

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

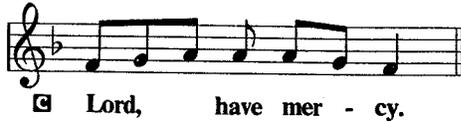
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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

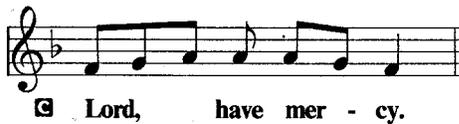
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

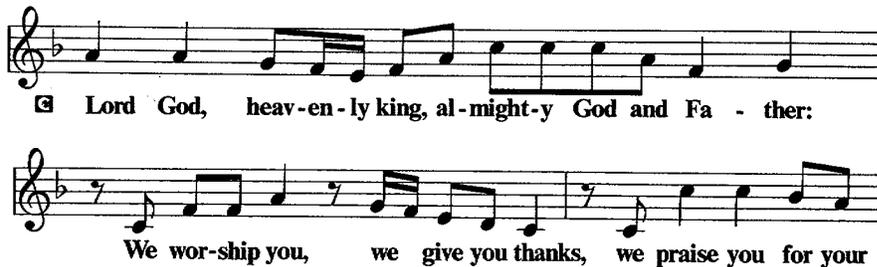


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



*Although I
am an un-
worthy and
condemned
man, my God
has given me
in Christ all
the riches of
righteousness
and salvation
without any
merit on my
part, out of
pure, free
mercy, so that
from now on I
need nothing
except faith
which be-
lieves that
this is true...*

*(continued on
next page)*

...I will therefore give myself as Christ to my neighbor, just as Christ offered himself to me; I will do nothing in this life except what I see is necessary, profitable, and salutary to my neighbor, since through faith I have an abundance of all good things in Christ.
 ~ Martin Luther

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: 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.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*You must know that since the beginning of the world a wise prince is a mighty rare bird, and an upright prince even rarer. They are generally the biggest fools or the worst scoundrels on earth... They are God's executioners and hangmen; his divine wrath uses them to punish the wicked and to maintain outward peace... If a prince should happen to be wise, upright, or Christian, that is one of the great miracles, the most precious token of divine grace upon that land.
~ Martin Luther*

*All people,
whatever
their calling,
should seek
perfection,
that is,
growth in the
fear of God,
in faith, in
the love for
their
neighbor, and
in similar
spiritual vir-
tues
~ Apology of
the Augs-
burg Con-
fession
(Article
XXVII)*

PSALM 96:1-9

L: Sing to the LORD 'a new song;*
sing to the LORD, all 'the whole earth.

**C: Sing to the LORD and 'bless his name;*
proclaim the good news of his salvation from 'day to day.**

L: Declare his glory a'mong the nations*
and his wonders a'mong all peoples.

**C: For great is the LORD and greatly 'to be praised;*
he is more to be feared 'than all gods.**

L: As for all the gods of the nations, they 'are but idols;*
but it is the LORD who 'made the heavens.

**C: Oh, the majesty and magnificence 'of his presence!*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his 'sanctuary!**

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you families 'of the peoples;*
ascribe to the LORD hon'or and power.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the honor 'due his name;*
bring offerings and come in'to his courts.**

L: Worship the LORD in the beau'ty of holiness;*
let the whole earth trem'ble before him.

**All: Glory 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**

EPISTLE 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 give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 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 loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

*Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God's ongoing providence for the human race.
~ Martin Luther*

No one shall
 or can com-
 mand the soul
 unless one is
 able to show
 it the way to
 heaven, but
 this nobody
 can do, only
 God alone.
 Therefore in
 matters
 which con-
 cern the sal-
 vation of
 souls nothing
 but God's
 word shall be
 taught and
 accepted...The
 soul is not
 under the
 authority of
 Caesar; he
 can neither
 teach it nor
 guide it, nei-
 ther kill it nor
 give it life,
 neither bind
 it nor loose it,
 neither judge
 it nor con-
 demn it, nei-
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~ Martin
 Luther



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

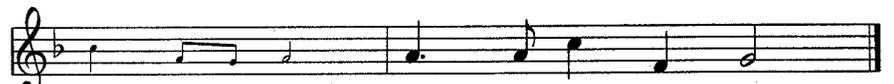
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” green hymnal #535

SERMON

*What is the Lutheran Church Really?
Part Five: “Vocation and the World”*

Please kneel.

Christ's kingdom is spiritual, that is, it is the heart's knowledge of God. Fear of God, faith in God, and the beginning of eternal righteousness and eternal life...It permits us to make outward use of legitimate political ordinances of whatever nation in which we live... (continued on following page)

...For the gospel does not destroy the state or the household but rather approves them, and it orders us to obey them as divine ordinances not only on account of the punishment but also "because of conscience" [Rom 13:5]
~ Apology
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" . . . Michael Burkhardt

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
 hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
 give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

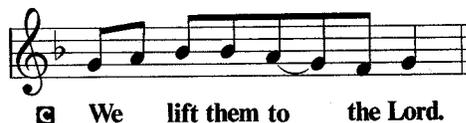
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

*You should esteem the sword of government authority as highly as the estate of marriage, or husbandry, or any other calling which God has instituted. Just as one can serve God in the state of marriage, or in farming, or in trade, for the benefit of others – and must serve if his neighbor needs it – so can serve God in government, and should there serve if the needs of his neighbor demand it. For those who punish evil and protect the good are God's servants and workmen
 ~ Martin Luther*

O taste and see how good the Lord is, Alleluia! Bless the Lord in the heavens, Alleluia! Bless Him in the highest, Alleluia! Bless Him, all ye angels of His, Alleluia! Bless Him, all His host, Alleluia! What blessing or thanksgiving can we offer for this Sacrament? Thee only, O Jesus, do we bless, with the Father and the most Holy Spirit, Now and forever. Amen.
~Armenian Liturgy

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

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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**

ACCLAMATION

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI (*"Lamb of God"*)

♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“God of Grace and God of Glory” green hymnal #415

“Let Us Break Bread Together” green hymnal #212

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

... Flor Peeters and Paul Manz

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer

As You Go

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God and divine keeper of my soul, may your Holy Spirit ever be my companion and guide; that I might follow in ways which only proclaim your righteousness to the edification of your holy people. Crucify my flesh and dispel all worldly desires, submitting unto you my whole life, that it may truly be realized in you. Keep me in faith, so that on the last day I may join all the angels and saints proclaiming your glory unto everlasting. Amen.

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Jan Gaugush

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Zack Madden

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Gary Habeck;

Steve and Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Joe Pinzl; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Donna Nuernberg; Vicky Radunz

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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