

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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MISSION STATEMENT

We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH

we will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS

we will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.

Hearing Assistance is available during the service.

Please notify usher if you would like assistance

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INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Come Into God’s House”

(Sung to tune of Beer Barrel Polka)

Come into God’s house, join us in worship and praise!
Come into God’s house, hearts, hands and voices we’ll raise.
Our God is present, standing with arms open wide,
Longing to forgive His children and draw us to His side.

Sing words to praise Him, lift up your voices in song!
Sing words to praise Him, honor His name all day long.
Join other Christians, pass on His name as you do,
Living and spreading the Gospel, as He commands us to do.

Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord!
Come now and worship, join as we sign and adore.
Gather together, give God the praise that is due,
Hear us as we come to Your worship, singing praises to You.

One in the Spirit, eager to feed on Your Word,
One in the Spirit, sharing our love with You, Lord.
In prayer united, here at the throne of Your grace,
We’ll take the joy of Jesus with us when we leave this place!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN:

“He Is Lord Of All”

(Sung to tune of It’s a Small World)

He’s the Lord of skies, He’s the Lord of seas,
He’s the Lord of you, He’s the Lord of me.
And He died for our sins, just to give liberty,
He is Lord, yes, Lord of all

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

There is just one Lord, He's the Father's Son,
He was sent to die, die for everyone.
There's so much that we share, that it's time we're aware,
He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

We will sing and praise Your holy name,
Forgive our sins and forget our blame,
Take our troubles away, we will worship and pray,
You are Lord, yes, Lord of all.

Jesus is the Lord of all, Jesus is the Lord of all,
Jesus is the Lord of all, He is Lord, yes, Lord of all.

(Please rise for the singing of the last verse)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✙ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, 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 riches hidden in secret places, so 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 surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

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. R**

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.**

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

[¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because 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. ⁶ And 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, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For 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. ⁹ For 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, ¹⁰ and 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

Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22
Glory to you, O Lord

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please be Seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"You Give Us Sunshine"

(Sung to tune of You Are My Sunshine)

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

The warmth of summer, the autumn breezes,
The winter frost, the green of spring,
The seasons' changes declare Your praises
And we join them as we sing.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

You are the maker of earth and heaven,
And stars and planets sing Your praise,
We lift our voices to join the chorus,
As we bless your wonderful ways.

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord,
The snow in winter, the morning dew,
All that we have, Lord, we have been given,
So we give our lives now to You.

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell. 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Trusting in God, we pray for the church. Fill all worshipers with your Holy Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God's splendor revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for creation: for the power of sun, wind, and water, for the riches buried in rock and soil, for the magnificence of life in forms too many to number. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations: for leaders of governments, for fair commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor and outcast, for those who cannot afford food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the communities and agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in God's healing power, we pray for this congregation: for the unemployed and overworked, for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and those in particular need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting glory you promise. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated - Ushers will begin passing the offering plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

“Thanks To God”

(Sung to tune of Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain)

1. Thanks to God for my redeemer,
Thanks for all that You provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry
Thanks for Jesus by my side.
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul.

2. Thanks for prayers that You have answered,
Thanks for what You have denied.
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all You have supplied.
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks for comfort in despair,
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare.

3. Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain,
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain.
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity.

4. Now we leave to spread Your message,
Now we go to praise Your name,
Now we honor and obey You,
Now we live by words proclaimed,
Now we reach out to our neighbors,
Now we show our love to all.
Now our hope is all eternal,
In your grace, we shall not fail.

Free will offering basket in Narthex for today's music.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of life,

you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Christ Jesus Lives Today”

(Sung to the tune of The Happy Wanderer)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

2. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of His grace.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

3. In Christ, there is no east or west,
In Him, no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

4. Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

He lives! He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus is alive today!
He lives! He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!

It has been great having you join us for worship! Please come again.

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: The Praise Team & Johnson Chicks

Greeters: Maynard & Kathy Berland

Ushers: 10:00– Lee & Barb Forrester, Darrel Kelly

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Hospitality Hosts: Praise Team

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 15, 2017: 8:30am 98 10:00am 25

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

October 23 thru October 29, 2017

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| Monday | 10/23 | 8:00 am | Lefse Making |
| | | 1:00 pm | Double Deck Pinochle |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA/Alanon |
| Tuesday | 10/24 | 8:00 am | Lefse Making |
| | | 9:00 am | Quilters |
| | | 9-10:00 am | Flu Shot Clinic |
| Wednesday | 10/25 | 8:00 am | Women's Bible Study |
| | | 9:30 am | Stitchers |
| | | 6:00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | | 7:00 pm | Praise Team |
| Thursday | 10/26 | 8:00am | ROMEOS |
| | | 12:30 pm | Fun Timers |
| | | 4:00 pm | Set up Tables for Bazaar |
| | | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir Practice |
| Friday | 10/27 | 9:00 am | Set up Bazaar |
| | | 10:00 am | Bone Builders |
| Saturday | 10/28 | 9:00 am | Holiday Bazaar |
| Sunday | 10/29 | 8:30 am | Worship |
| | | 10:00 am | Worship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REGISTRY Please sign and pass the attendance registry which you will find in the pew. This information is gathered for yearly reports to the Synod.

FREE WILL OFFERING There will be a basket in the Narthex for today's music.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Signup sheets are to the left of the serving window by the kitchen. Please check it out and take your turn. There will always be someone to help you with making coffee and running the dishwasher.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, October 28th Doors open at 9:00am. Work signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall.

FLU SHOT CLINIC will be held at Bethesda on Tuesday, Oct 24th from 9:00-10:00am. Bring your insurance card. See Poster on the bulletin board for other locations, times and dates.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Today! at 9:00am to vote to elect our Candidate of Choice as pastor. This will be a paper ballot vote with two items to vote on:

1. To extend the call to the pastor.
2. To accept the compensation package.

There is only one service today at 10:00am. It is our annual Polka Service with coffee and Fellowship before the service. Be sure to cast your ballot confirming the new Pastor anytime before the service starts.

NEED VOLUNTEER to assume the job duties of the ditch clean up that is done twice a year. Please speak with Jerry Morris if interested.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saturday, November 11th from 7am to 11am. \$5 per plate, Veterans and kids 5 & under eat free. Located at Bethesda Church Malmo, put on by the Malmo Lions with proceeds going towards community projects. Bake Sale also.

SUNDAY COVERAGE FOR NOVEMBER 5TH & 12TH: VILLAGE OF HOPE will cover our service on November 5th. Pastor Suzi Orlopp will preach along with other people from the organization. ***LUTHERAN PARTNERS IN GLOBAL MINISTRY*** will cover the service on November 12th. Pastor Dan Ruth, Executive Director, will be preaching that day. Both of these organizations are members of our 2017-2018 Benevolence Organizations. Come listen to the wonderful things these organizations do and learn more about what they do. A free will offering will be passed each of these Sundays.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD During coffee fellowship on November 5th you will be able to pack a shoebox for a needy child. We have 34 boxes filled by VBS kids

that are ready to be sent. There are assorted left over items that need to be packed so stop at the packing area and fill a box. You can still bring toys, school supplies and other items to help fill the boxes.