

Sunday, October 27, 2019
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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Kingdom Divided

INTRODUCTION

Greatness among Jesus' followers is measured by their ability to live as servants and slaves, even if that life means suffering oppression at the hands of those who wield power.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind” #400 ELW
(Please Stand on 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, ✝ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God,

your servant Rehoboam divided your kingdom with his tyranny, yet you remained faithful to both kingdoms, even in the midst of conflict. Show us your presence in conflict, and help us to resolve our differences, uniting this world in your name. Amen.

Please be seated

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM: “”

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. ²When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you. ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. ⁹He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, "Come to me again the third day." ¹³The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁵So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfill his word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

¹⁶When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David." So Israel went away to their tents. ¹⁷But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. ²⁵Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill

country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. ²⁶Then Jeroboam said to himself, "Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. ²⁷If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah." ²⁸So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." ²⁹He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

Please Stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL Mark 10:42-45

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come Thou Almighty King" #408 ELW

HOLY BAPTISM (ELW p. 227) (10:00 am Service only)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth...

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)

After each baptism, the assembly responds:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Vienna Renee Sorby, Waverley Reign Westerlund, Lola Kay Wagner, and Caspian Mason Wagner, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME (ELW p.231)

Please stand if able

APOSTLE'S CREED (8:30 service only)

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 INTERCESSION

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God, our refuge and strength, you make all things new. Reform your church so that our life together bears witness to your unmerited love. Free us from sin and write the law of love on our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Reform our relationships with you, with one another, and with all creation.

Restore this good earth, the home you entrust to our care. Enrich soils, cleanse waters, and purify the air. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bring an end to war and to the violence that shakes the nations and worries your

people. When voices of fear threaten to overwhelm us, fill the earth with your peace and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be the present help of those suffering the tumult of illness, poverty, abandonment, and uncertainty. Bring your calm and healing to those in need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In this community, O Lord, we are all sinners and saints. In our dealings with one another and in our witness in the world, help us trust in your mercy, freely offering others what you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember before you those who have died in Christ and now live in the fullness of salvation (*especially*). We trust your presence now even as we wait for your glory to be revealed. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING *Ushers will begin passing the offering plate and Blessing Box.
Please stand as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,

we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast. (Communion by intinction – red wine; white apple juice; gluten free available)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Wade in the Water” #459 ELW

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

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

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Music: Bell Choir & Digital Hymnal

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Ushers: 8:30am: Skip & Lynn Hansen

10:00am: Barry & Donna Ansell

Thank you for your service!

Response to God's Word Last Week

Attendance: Sunday, October 20, 2019: 8:30 am 61 10:00 am 25

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

Oct. 28, 2019 – Nov. 3, 2019

Monday	10/28	9-10:30 am	Flu Shot Clinic
		11:30 am	Pinochle
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	10/29	12:-2:00 pm	Pastor Text Study
Wednesday	10/30	9:00 am	Bible Study
		10:00 am	Stitchers
		6:00 pm	Choir Practice
		6:30 pm	Cantata Practice
		7:00 pm	Praise Team

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda (continued) Oct. 28, 2019 – Nov. 3, 2019

Thursday	10/31	8:00 am	ROMEOs
		11:30 pm	Funtimers
		5:30-7:30 pm	<i>Trunk or Treat</i>
		6:00 pm	Bells
Friday	11/1	10:00 am	Bone builders
Sunday	11/3	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	
		8:30 am	Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		10:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY & CARE LIST: Jerry Morris

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

JOIN IN THE FUN! Support our fund-raising activities in 2019-2020. Our raffle item for October is a handmade Quilt. Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket to win. The winner will be drawn today during Fellowship hour between services.

FLU SHOT CLINIC here on Mon., Oct. 28th from 9-10:30am. Bring your insurance card with you. See poster in Narthex for more information and other times and places.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS Don't be late for Services next Sunday. Daylight Saving Time ends Saturday night. Set your clocks back one hour.

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST The Malmo Area Lions will have a Pancake Breakfast, Pasty & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9th from 7:30-11:00am in Bethesda's Fellowship Hall. \$5 per plate – Veterans eat free.

THANK YOU to the Lefsa Makers this week! They made 220 packages of lefsa to sell at the Bazaar. Each package has four sheets of lefsa in them. That's 880 sheets! That's a lot of rolling and flipping!