The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: Centered in Christ – Called to Serve



Order of Worship

October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome





Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm Psalm 96:1–9

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

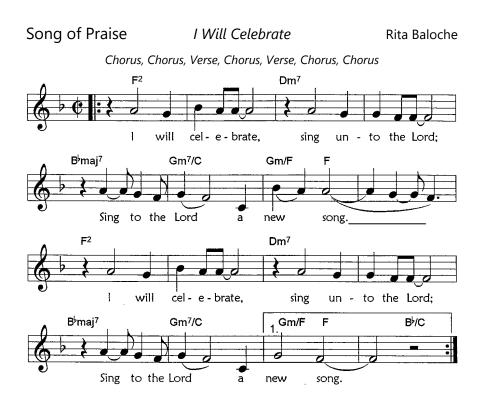
⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Glory be 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.

Kyrie LSB 204

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- The Lord be with you. \mathbf{P}
- And also 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.

 \mathbf{c} Amen. 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



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, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- **G** Glory 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen.



Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Verse



Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

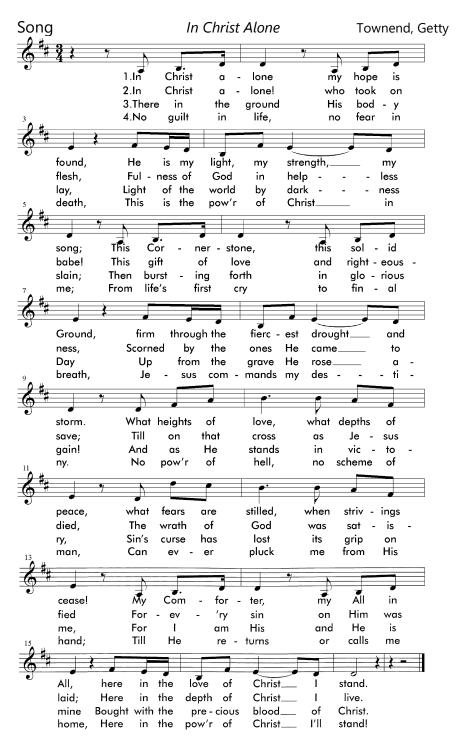
P O Lord, deliver Your people by Your power, and grant to us grace sufficient for all our needs and for the needs of all people.

Response after each petition

- P Lord, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Let us pray to the Lord that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of His coming again, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, to live in His eternal presence and sing His praise without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray together,
- 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.

Benediction

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



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Resources for Meditation this Week

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 October 2020

Readings

Isaiah 45:1–7 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 Matthew 22:15–22

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted "to entangle him in his words" by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord's anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations "from the rising of the sun and from the west" (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus "to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings" (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, "in power and in the Holy Spirit" (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9–10).



REFORMATION DAY

Readings

Revelation 14:6–7 Romans 3:19–28 John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31–32).

