

Family Worship for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 18, 2020

Leader / Response

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS*

In the name of the Father, and of the (+)Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

L: Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of evil that contend against God and his faithful servants? **R: I do.**

L: Do you renounce the influence and power of the world that are contrary to God's Word and will? **R: I do.**

L: Do you renounce the sin within your own heart, mind, and flesh, and call upon the Lord to deliver you from evil? **R: I do.**

L: I bid you now, confess your sins to your heavenly Father that he may cleanse, forgive and restore your soul.

(Moment of Silent Confession)

L: God is gracious and good and for Christ's sake forgives the sins of all who call upon him. May God establish you in faith, guard you against the evil one, and make you steadfast in the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen. God is good. Amen. *(Confession adapted from Sola Publishing Occasional Rite: "The Call to Discipleship")

PSALM OF PRAISE – PSALM 96:1-9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HYMN [Come, Thou Almighty King](#) *(With Lyrics)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. **Help your Church persevere in steadfast faith as she confesses your name throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

FIRST READING – Isaiah 45:1-7

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL VERSE *(Spoken/Sung; Stand for Gospel Reading if you can)*

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel from St. Matthew, chapter 22. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22:1-15-22

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[MESSAGE](#)

HYMN [Day by Day](#) *(With Lyrics)*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

OFFERING PRESENTATION *(Spoken; LBW #425, st.1&5)*

O God of mercy, God of light, In love and mercy infinite,

Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives in you.

In sickness, sorrow, want or care, Each other's burdens help us share;

May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.

PRAYERS *(See Prayer Sheet)*

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING *(Philippians 4:19-20)*

May God meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN [Today Your Mercy Calls Us](#) *(With Lyrics)*

EXTRA

[Identifying Roman Coins](#)

READINGS

First Reading: 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.

Second Reading: 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.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 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.

PRAYERS

Father above, you have called us by the gospel and anointed us with your Spirit that we might follow your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to acknowledge your call in our lives and to respond to it in faith and love. Lord, in your mercy / **Hear our prayer**

Father above, you have called us to be imitators of the Lord to bear your word in the world with full conviction and the joy of the Holy Spirit. Help us sound forth in our community the name of Jesus and salvation of your kingdom. LIYM/**HOP**

Father above, your Son teaches us to give to you the things that belong to you. So help us to give our lives, our hearts, our minds, our time and our possessions into your service each and every day. LIYM/**HOP**

Father above, help us to never put our loyalty to kingdoms of this world above you. Yet teach us to honor our elected leaders and to pray for their well-being and peaceful rule. We pray for safe, fair, and peaceful elections and for leadership that works for justice and well-being for all. LIYM/**HOP**

Father above, we ask you divine guidance and blessing on our efforts to hire a Youth Director for Bible Lutheran Church. Bless the leadership of Melissa Osteen and the search committee and bring to us the person you know who will be a blessing at Bible and partner in mutual ministry. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for Bethesda Lutheran Church in Dresser, Wisconsin and for Pastor Peter and Pastor Scott. Continue to protect them from the covid virus and bless their drive-in services. Use their People Loving People Service Days to be a witness for Jesus and an expression of real love to their community. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for those mourning loved ones lost. Fill them with the hope of Christ's resurrection promise and the comfort of your Holy Spirit. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for Vickey Pylant as she draws near to your eternal kingdom. Speak to her soul in the midst of her sufferings that she may lift her heart to you in faith and love. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our prayer for Liz Quartermann that her vertigo may be cured and her strength returned. Continue to bless her service at Manna House and all who serve our community there. LIYM/**HOP**

Hear our prayer for all those still recovering from the coronavirus: Ron (and Charlene) Morgan, Nick and Betty Robinson, and Hollie and Nick Milbrandt. Preserve their lives, encourage their souls, and strengthen their bodies with your healing presence. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear our pray for Thomas Owens and Charles DiSalvo as they recover their infirmities. Give them once again strength in their bodies that would allow them to return home and guard their hearts and the hearts of all those who care for them. LIYM / **HOP**

Hear now our prayer for those whose names and needs we lift before today... (silent prayer) LIYM / **HOP**

In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen**

Prayers for October 18, 2020

Prayers for Healing, Recovery, Wholeness, Divine Help *(Requests remain on list for 2 months and may be resubmitted)*

Liz Quartermann, health problems (PD, 10.17.2020)
Vickey Pylant, placed in Hospice, aunt of Dawn Vorel (10.10.2020)
Thomas Owens, moved to rehab (C. Garner, 10.4.2020)
Charles DiSalvo, moved to Riverview Rehab center (V. DiSalvo, 10.7.2020)
Elizabeth McLaurin, gallbladder removal (10.4.2020)
Ed Stanley, cancer; cousin of Betty Robinson (10.4.2020)
Gina Campbell, health/heart issues (D. Vorel, 10.4.2020)
Connie Zeigler, home recovering from back surgery (10.4.2020)
Rod and Deb Stephenson upon death of Rod's mother, now in glory (R. Stephenson, 10.3.2020)
Ron & Charlene Morgan, diagnosed with Covid-19 and recovering at home (R. Morgan, 9.27.2020)
Hollie and Nick Milbrandt, hospitalized with Covid-19 (Karen Hall, 9.30.2020)
Brenda Dasher's Aunt Nell, broken right arm (B. Dasher 9.28.2020)
Donna, friend of the Dashers, for strength in the midst of many family illnesses (C. Dasher, 9.27.2020)
Ginger Robinson, in need of God's healing help (K. Whitten, 9.27.2020)
Maddie Hubbard born prematurely Sept 15; parents Michael and Lauren Hubbard (A. Hubbard, 9.27.2020)
Katie Williams and Daniel Ellis, who were married 9/17/20, for God's blessings (K. Williams, 9.20.20)
Caitlin, goddaughter of Ben & Karen Williams who suffered a miscarriage (K. Williams, 9.20.2020)
Nick and Betty Robinson, diagnosed with Covid-19 and recovering at home (B. Robinson, 9.18.2020)
Sadie Rollins and classmates, protection from Covid-19 (R. Rollins, 9.14.2020)
Leiann Sapp, cancer surgery (L. Waldhour, 8.30.2020)
Paula Peterson, sickness (D. Vorel, 8.23.2020)
Johnnie Barnes, chemotherapy (J. Smith, 8.19.2020)

Prayers for Comfort in Bereavement *(Requests remain on list for 6 months and may be resubmitted)*

Dawn & Tim Vorel and family on loss of Dawn's aunt, Margie Hasty (10.10.2020)
Hughes, Amy Terry & Family on the loss of Helen Zeigler who went to be with the Lord (10.6.2020)
David & Connie Zeigler and family on death of Son, Marcus. (9.6.2020)
Ben & Karen Williams and family on death of Ben's brother, Dale Williams (8.26.20)
Karen Hall and family on death of her Aunt, Sheila Saxon (8.9.2020)
Cecelia Zeigler and family on death of her mother, Mary Bloomberg (8.4.2020)
Brenda Dasher and family on death of her cousin, JW Porter (7.19.2020)
Bobby Exley and family on death of daughter, Teresa (J. Arnsdorff, 6.7.2020)
Family of Karen Hall's Great Aunt, Katherine who went to be with the Lord. (5.17.2020)

Military, Fire, Law Enforcement Personnel

Fire: Kenny Whitten, Jimmy Thompson; Law Enforcement: Warren Blanton
Military: Trent Zeigler, Christopher Zeigler(C. Zeigler); Michael Hubbard(A.M. Hubbard); Stephen Strickland(B. Dasher)

Long Term Support

Audrey Zipperer (Lakeview Manor); Sarah Smith (Home); Dorothy Zipperer; Betty Greenwood (Home),
Charles & Virginia DiSalvo(Rehab/Home); Keith Cornell (Recovering at home; Helmlly); Clyde Johnson
(Home; Muthersbaugh); Thomas Owens (Rehab; Garner); Clay Stewart (Dementia; Sommervold);
Rick Boyd, multiple health problems (C. Boyd, 6.21.2020); Ruby & Earl Neurath (C. Bazemore, 7.30.2020);
Alice Stephenson (R. Stephenson, 9.6.2020)

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost 20 - October 18, 2020

“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.” - 1 Thessalonians 1:8

When I was a young person I never would have thought of myself as being a missionary. As I've gotten older and more mature in the faith, I have come to recognize that all of us are missionaries for Christ, even if we don't leave our own home town. Wherever we go, we carry with us the message of the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. It is so much a part of us that we cannot help but proclaim the goodness of the Lord and the promises that have been fulfilled in his son, Jesus.

As missionaries, each of us has a circle of influence - those people that we interact with regularly, who look with favor on us, and who listen when we speak. It is to those people that we share the news of Christ most often and most easily. These are the ones who are most receptive to the message.

As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica, he commended them for their “missionary” work. He described the word being spoken as a trumpet sounding a clarion call. Their faith was strong and steady and they did the work of sharing it with those in their circle of influence. That circle was Macedonia and Achaia, and beyond.

I don't know about your town, but where I live it's a pretty small community when compared to the big, bustling cities that many are used to. Word spreads quickly here. Sometimes I learn about something I did before I even know I did it! (Just kidding!) But, seriously, news does travel fast around my town. It isn't always accurate, but it does move swiftly. Oh that the Gospel message would travel so fast and be so interesting to talk about on the front porch of all who live around me. Oh that the best news of all, Jesus' love for us, would spread like wildfire in the way that some rumors and gossip do. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear through the grapevine that people were receiving the news about Christ and responding to his love and mercy by the droves? That would make my day! Or my year! But sadly we tend to chat about other sorts of news when we could be spreading the gospel. Jesus helps us sound forth his saving word! May we be missionaries in our own neighborhoods! Amen

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Imitators of the Lord

Find the 33 **bold** words from 1 Thessalonians 1:2–7 (ESV).

Q M E X A M P L E A S J S C C
F L E N O U V T F R S S H D O
A E D N T K I F E A E R R U N
T P R P T R L Y K N I O O R V
H S O X I I A E T S W T E A I
E O L P C R O S T J Y W H I C
R G S T P S A N E S O H C N T
U G I V E F R S I P U Y W O I
D O G L D K U E T N R O O D O
N V O A E S X H V H G J R E N
N V E A C H A I A E A D K C L
E T R E M E M B E R I N G A A
S D D E V O L E P O H L K M B
H O L Y T I Q J B J Z G E S O
Z S R O T A T I M I J V K B R

We give thanks to **God** always for all of you, constantly **mentioning** you in our **prayers**, **remembering** before our **God** and **Father** your **work of faith** and **labor of love** and **steadfastness of hope** in our **Lord Jesus Christ**. For we know, **brothers loved** by God, that he has **chosen** you, 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**. 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, so that you became an **example** to all the **believers** in **Macedonia** and in **Achaia**.

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Hypocrites Get Their Due

Find the 36 **bold** words from Matthew 22:15–22 (ESV)

R I E H T E W T S E T S P Y S
J E S U S O L S D R A E H A U
T R U E R H E G O D N X A W I
L J Q D S N Y O N O B A R D R
T U S K E I P P I A U T I R A
E U F K C I A T O I T S S E N
A F I W N K P P N C C N E N E
C L J I A I N R L I R W E D D
H B O W R L A I P O O I S E T
E N A C A S H L H N T C T R N
R R S C E P E T K T K T V E E
E N A A P S N A I D O R E H S
I R C A P M A R V E L E D D G
E D Y M A L I C E D E Y A W S
L L E T R U T H F U L L Y I X

Then the **Pharisees** went and **plotted** how to **entangle** him in his **words**. 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**. Tell us, then, what you **think**. Is it **lawful** to **pay taxes** to **Caesar**, or not?” But **Jesus**, aware of their **malice**, said, “Why put me to the **test**, you **hypocrites**? Show me the **coin** for the **tax**.” And they brought him a **denarius**. And **Jesus** said to them, “Whose **likeness** and **inscription** is this?” 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**.” When they **heard** it, they **marveled**. And they left him and went away.

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