

THE 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather:

God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: "My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long" (Psalm 35:28).

Silent Prayer Before Worship: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn, LSB 915, TLH 279

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, begging Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Forgiveness of Sins

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **Help us to see Your goodness, we pray, O LORD, especially when we have done nothing to make such things happen. And surprise us every once in a while, with a treasure that we had not expected, nor had we ever imagined. We pray all this in Your holy name, Jesus – the Treasure of our forever-lives. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading, Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (NIV)

Seek the Lord and live, or He will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain.

Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.

There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

Therefore, the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say He is.

Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Reading, Psalm 90:12-17 (NIV)

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on Your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with Your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May Your deeds be shown to Your servants, Your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the LORD our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir, "Gather Your Child"

Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda

Music by Allan Mahke

The Gospel Reading, Mark 10:17-22 (NIV)

P The Gospel according to Mark:

C Glory be to You, O Lord.

As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. "Good Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call Me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sermon Hymn, LSB 694

TLH 399, verses 1, 2 and 6

"Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower"



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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Sermon, "Where the Treasure Is, There Your ..."

"...and you will have treasure in heaven." – Mark 10:21c

Communion

Choir, "Seek Ye First"

By Karen Lafferty

Arrangement by Douglas E. Wagner

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction (NIV)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and T give you peace.

C Amen.

where
your
Treasure
is
there your
Heart
will be also

Hymn to Depart, LSB 559 [TLH 384]

"Oh, How Great is Your Compassion"



1 Oh, how great is Your com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,
3 Firm - ly to our soul's sal - va - tion Wit - ness - es Your
4 Lord, Your mer - cy will not leave me; Ev - er will Your
5 I will praise Your great com - pas - sion, Faith - ful Fa - ther,



God of grace, That with all our fall - en race
Spir - it, Lord, In Your Sac - ra - ments and Word.
truth a - bide. Then in You I will con - fide.
God of grace, That with all our fall - en race



In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy
There He sends true con - so - la - tion, Giv - ing us the
Since Your Word can - not de - ceive me, My sal - va - tion
In our depth of deg - ra - da - tion You had mer - cy



so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly!
gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.
is to me Safe and sure e - ter - nal - ly.
so that we Might be saved e - ter - nal - ly.

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Announcements

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Numbers from Last Sunday

The attendance on 9/26 was 27. The total offering was \$3,625 including \$200 to the Capital/Building Fund , \$75 to Trinity First and \$75 to Synod.

Next Sunday – Voters Meeting and Potluck

Our next voters meeting will follow the worship service next Sunday. A potluck in the Fellowship Hall will follow the voters meeting.

Mites Collection

The Mites Collection on October 3 came to \$156.60. The next collection will be on the first Sunday of December.

Attendance Cards

The blue attendance cards were out-of-date, were not being used, and have been removed from the pews. They will probably reappear in a different format.

Prayer Requests

Prayers are requested for Evelyn Sand who has a broken hip and Covid-19 and is in hospice. Also pray for Harold Sand who is hospitalized with Covid. We do not have an update at this time.

Sunday Treats

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Family Room. Sign-up if you are willing to furnish treats to go along with our refreshments.

Either home-made or store-bought is fine. See Judy Sorenson for more details.

Available Now

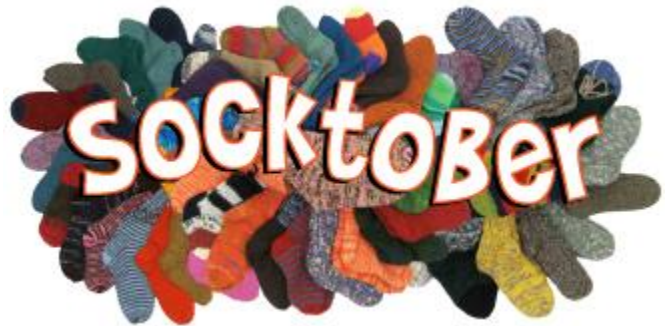
- The October-December *Portals of Prayer*.
- The October Newsletter

Celebrations this Week

- Happy Birthday to Kimberly Blomberg (10/12), and Doris duBois (10/13).
- Happy Anniversary to Jesse and Kenda Jenson (10/11), Jonathan and Kelly Adams (10/14), Michael and Alicia Blomberg (10/14), and Stephen and Kimberly Blomberg (10/16).

Socktober

- Get ready to help us reach our goal of 100 pairs of socks for the Pillar of Warmth and Love this winter.
- A collection tote for socks is set up in the Narthex.
- Monetary donations are also welcome – you can put them in the offering plate or use the online offering link on the Holy Cross website. In both cases, designate the gift for the sock drive.
- New or gently used hats, scarves, gloves and mittens are also welcome.



Christmas Wreaths

Pictures of what is available, and an order form are in the narthex.

Serving Today, October 10

October Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon
October Deacon: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counter: Keith & Mary Lange
Lector: Jean Anderson
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg
Treats: Kimberly Blomberg
Ushers: Ed Copeland & Kimberly Blomberg

*Thank
you!*

Serving Next Sunday, October 17

October Altar Guild: Linda Scanlon
October Deacon: Lyle Horrmann
Choir Director: David Hinrichs
Choir Accompanist: Wendy Kofoot
Counter: Adam Horrmann
Lector: Kimberly Blomberg
Organist: Julie Wright
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Don Mulfinger
Recorder: James Blomberg/Jean Anderson
Treats: No treats due to potluck dinner
Ushers: Keith Lange & Tim Phelon