

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020 – Traditional Service

“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*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.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

J. S. Bach

Please stand as you are able.

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.



WORD

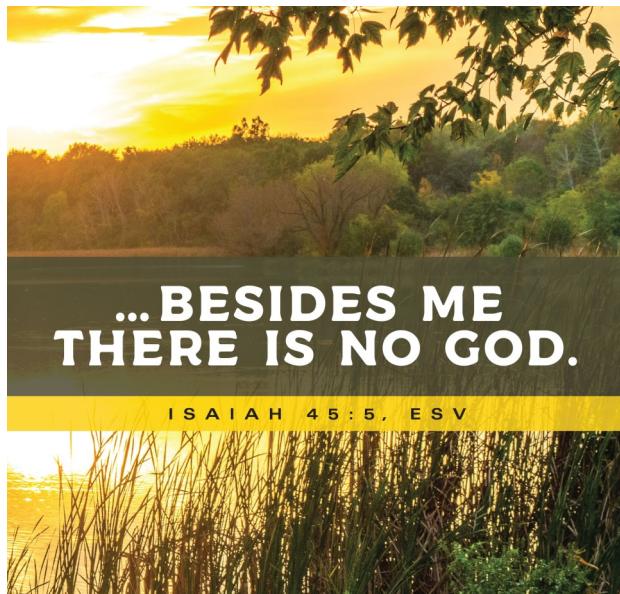
FIRST READING

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 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.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY

Psalm 96:1-13

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
 sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing 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.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty 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.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

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

¹⁰Tell 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."

¹¹Let 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.

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

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

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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And 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, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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HYMN FOR REFLECTION

"You Servants of God"

ELW 825

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, key of G major (one sharp). The top staff uses a soprano C-clef, the middle staff an alto F-clef, and the bottom staff a bass F-clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes.

1 You ser - vents of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - ri - ous and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

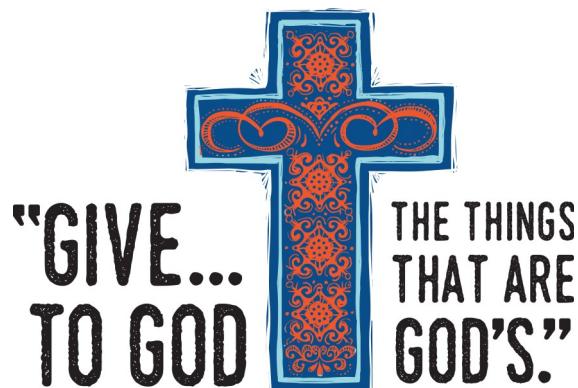
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

"The Things That Are Gods"

Pastor Spomer

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Simple Gifts"

Brackett

*Gloria McCauley & Pastor Herb Spomer
Pianists*

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, teach us to give to you what is already yours: the best of our energies, the first fruits of our labors, the sum of our lives. We ask that you receive our offerings mercifully, and that you multiply them to the good of your Kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of praise, the whole world is yours. From the rising of the sun to its setting, in places of light as well as darkness may the universe declare the goodness of your creative and redeeming presence. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, especially Brantley, Scott, Jim, Ray, Jennifer, Rachel, Dottie, Corrina, Shirley, Christine, Mae, Kayla, Rose, Larry, Mary, Edie, Sherry, Linda, Peg, Tim, Cameron, Jim, Ron, Cheryl, Gillon, Ron, Jim, Becky, Bernice, Tanner, Bobby, Ayano, Leland, Edith, Sue, and Larry. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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God of faith, love, and hope, you founded your church on the words of the apostles by the power of your Spirit. Send your Spirit among us that we may hear the Good News of your saving grace with hearts of conviction, and be conformed into the image of your Son. We pray especially for our members: Kyle Witter; Vickie & Jeff Witter; Edward & Helen Wlazlowski; Holly & Thomas Woodcock; Gregory Sr. & Barbara Woods; Julia Wrights; Deanna Zimmerman; Brenda Zullinger; Joel Zullinger; Justin Zullinger; and Sandra Zullinger.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Eternal God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

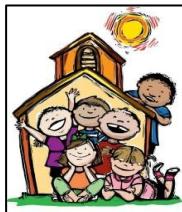
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
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	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
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Ushers	<i>Donna Brindle Ray Brindle</i>	<i>Diane Sterner Phil Lobaugh</i>
Livestream Team		<i>Jason Brown</i>

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of my granddaughter Shanley McDonald's 6th birthday,
by Nana, Joe & Tammy McDonald.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the glory of God and
in celebration of Piper's 8th birthday,
by the Upham family.*

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: *Sunday, October 11, 2020*

In-Person	67
Online Worship Service Views:	260
Online Contemporary Devotional Service Views	52

STEWARSHIP SNIPPER

*"I 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." – Isaiah 45:3*

We share God's abundance through our hands and work,
but is still the abundance of God,
who loves us and desires good for all creation.

How might your hands sharing God's abundance help point others to Jesus?

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 10/11/2020 Offering: \$8,401.00
Thank You!



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Mission Statement

"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith

Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community

Steward - Giving to all the love of God

Service - Showing the love of God with our community"