



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Calvary Lutheran Church

+ THE GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Each Morning Brings Us



1 Each morn - ing brings us fresh out - poured the lov - ing-kind-ness
2 O God, the star of dawn - ing day, give us that light for
3 Walk with us in the light of day, that we may ev - er,



of the Lord. It ends not as the day goes
which we pray. Your ho - ly flame with - in us
come what may, in hope en - dure, in faith be



past, but gives us strength while life shall last.
glow, that we no lack of grace may know.
strong; a - bide in us our whole life long.

Text: Johannes Zwick, 1496–1542, tr. Margaret Barclay, alt.
Music: ALL MORGEN IST GANZ FRISCH, Johann Walter, 1496–1570

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19)

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

C: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

COLLECT

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the forty-fifth chapter.

1 "This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: **2** I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. **3** I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. **4** For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. **5** I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, **6** so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. **7** I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

Give to God - John Foley

REFRAIN

Give to God glo - ry and hon - or, glo - ry and hon - or
give to God; give to God.

VERSES

Sing to God, O sing a new song; shout to your God all the earth.
Sing of God's own holiest name; tell of God's triumph, day through endless day.

Sing of God's great glorious name; bring every gift to the throne.
Tell of wonder, holiness too; dance for God's glory, dance through all the earth

Show this world the reign of our God. God holds the earth in its place.
God will judge all peoples with care; let the earth glory, let the skies sing praise.

Let the fields exult in their God; trees of the wood shout for joy.
Shout before our God, who has come: God will judge rightly, judge this world in truth.

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THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Second Reading is from First Thessalonians, the first chapter.

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. **2** We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. **3** We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. **6** You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. **7** And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. **8** The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, **9** for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell 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 rescues us from the coming wrath.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. **17** Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" **18** But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? **19** Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, **20** and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" **21** "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." **22** When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Avoiding Idols; Choosing God

Pastor Middaugh

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

C: hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ THE DISTRIBUTION +

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: God, the creator + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938

Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor

Reverend Michael Middaugh

Minister of Music

Brian Priebe

Organist/Pianist

Toku Kawata