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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Thomas E. Lock

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Father Welcomes

Hymnal p. 605

(Refrain) **Father welcomes all His children
to His family through His Son.**

**Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. (Refrain)**

**In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
shall be born again. (Refrain)**

**Let us daily die in sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. (Refrain)**

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BAPTISMS

Hymnal p. 269

**Cian Joseph Bertke
Sophia Elizabeth Smaligo**

CONFESSION¹

P: Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, You have brought us together into Your presence to set forth Your praise, to hear Your Holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. Prepare our hearts and minds to worship You and receive Your gifts by giving us the spirit of repentance. Help us to approach the mercy seat of Christ, and sincerely confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by Your infinite goodness and mercy.

C: Amen.

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. (1 John 1:8-9)

(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)

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

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I 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.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 155

This Is the Feast

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all Creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and
the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

L: The first reading for the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost is from chapter five of Amos.

Seek the Lord and live.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

L: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

L: So teach us to number our days
That we may get a heart of wisdom.

C: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

L: Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on Your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as You afflicted us,
And for as many years as we have seen evil.

C: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

L: Let Your work be shown to Your servants,
And Your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of
our hands upon us;
Yes establish the work of our hands!

**A: 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.**

C: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 3:12–19

L: The second reading is from chapter three of Hebrews.

A warning against the danger of evils in life

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17–22

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark, chapter ten.

C: (*sung*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus has a conversation with a rich young man.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Hymnal p. 694

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;

Thee will I love, my hope, my joy,

Thee will I love with all my power,

With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.

Thee will I love, O Light divine,

So long as life is mine.

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,

Who art my best and truest friend.

Thee will I love and praise forever,

For never shall Thy kindness end.

Thee will I love with all my heart—

Thou my Redeemer art!

**I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;**

I thank Thee, who hast richly given

All that could make me glad and free;

I thank Thee that my soul is healed

By what Thy lips revealed.
O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!
Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

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SERMON²

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Lead Me, Guide Me

Ralph C. Schultz

OFFERING SONG(*please rise and sing*)

Hymnal p.192

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

Following each petition:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (+) give you His peace.

C: (*sung*) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymnal p. 850

God grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r,
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour.

For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!

From the fears that long have bound us

Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,

For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;

Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,

**Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.**

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POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Stephen Burtonwood

¹*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

²Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

HOME COMMUNION: Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Home communions are available after worship and at the church office Monday through Friday 9am-Noon. Please write on the clipboard to whom you are taking communion.

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