

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020

♪ denotes singing in the 10:30 service

DIVINE SERVICE I

HYMN #753 “Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us”

♪ Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!

♪ We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent’s head,
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!

♪ Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation’s work is done!

♪ Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory! Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7: I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

M: The Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

♪ **Refrain:** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

The Lord is my strength and my song;* he has become my salvation.

The Lord’s right hand is lifted high;* the Lord’s right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live,* and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

♪ **Refrain:** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;* you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;*

the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;* let us rejoice and be glad in it.

♪ 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.

♪ **Refrain:** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12-21: Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. Only let us live up to what we have already attained. Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

M: The Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43: “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY #457 "Fight the Good Fight"

♪ Fight the good fight With all your might; Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

♪ Run the straight race Through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

♪ Cast care aside, Lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

♪ Faint not nor fear; His arms are near. He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is Lord eternally.

SERMON - Philippians 3:12-21

"Press on toward the goal"

STAND

C: ♪ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit. *(Please remain standing)*

OFFERING

(We will not pass a plate but one will be available on the table as you leave church.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN #466 "Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose"

♪ Though thoughtless thousands choose the road That leads the soul away from God,
This happiness, dear Lord, be mine: To live and die entirely thine.

♪ In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, From him my life, my all, receive,
To him devote my fleeting hours, Serve him alone with all my pow'rs.

♪ Christ is my everlasting all. To him I look; on him I call.
He will my ev'ry want supply In time and through eternity.

♪ Soon will the Lord, my life, appear; Soon shall I end my trials here,
Leave sin and sorrow, death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.

♪ Soon will the saints in glory meet, Soon walk through ev'ry golden street
And sing on ev'ry blissful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN #326 “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

♪ May the grace of Christ our Savior And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor Rest upon us from above.

♪ So may we abide in union With each other and the Lord,
Gathered here in blest communion By the power of his Word.

♪ Now with all the saints in heaven Thanks and praise to you we sing,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, our triune King.

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Voters: Our regularly scheduled quarterly voters meeting will be held this evening at 7:00 PM at church. Social distancing will be observed.

Organ Dedication: While we might not be able to hold a “full-house singing celebration” we do want to dedicate our new organ to the Glory of God. This is what it will look like. On Saturday, October 31 at 4:30 we will have a service of praise in Word and Song. John Bauman of Mankato, has consented to bring his talent on the bench to help us better appreciate what this tool can do to lead us in worship. We will listen to and sing some verses of hymns that take us through the church year. If you would like to be at the service, in person, you will need to register like we do for church. We will be limited to 75 people. We will also be recording it so it can be viewed on You Tube. This will be live starting at 4:30 but also archived to be viewed anytime in the future. To God be the Glory!

Moving On: Right now, plans are, that Pastor’s last Sunday here at Christ will be November 15th. But he and Jennifer are not the only ones “moving on”. As a congregation all of us will be moving on into a new adventure but as always, one led by our gracious God. There is much that will need to be done in preparation of calling a new pastor. A vacancy brings us challenges and opportunities to step up and serve. The leadership at Christ Lutheran knows that we are ready for and up to the challenges that lie ahead. May God continue to bless us all.

Offering: Just a reminder that we will not be passing the offering plate. You can leave your offering in the plate on the table as you leave church.

Trunk or Treat: In spite of COVID, we have planned a community Trunk or Treat event. The school, congregation, and Marshall community are all invited to participate in our Trunk or Treat event. It will take place on Saturday, October 31st from 2-4 pm in the Samuel Lutheran school parking lot. We will be social distancing and taking necessary precautions to stay safe during this COVID time. Check out our school Facebook page for more information. Please feel free to share the information for this event with friends and family! We welcome all to come take part in a fun, Halloween activity. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Samuel Lutheran school and let us know!

Take Home: Be sure you take your service folder home with you, to recycle. Please do not leave it in church.

CLYF Greenery: The CLYF will again be offering the Holiday season greenery from Greenwood Nursery. This year due to limited attendance in services we will be offering this online only. If you are interested in ordering any of the below items, call or email the church office at lonken@christlutheran-marshallmn.org with your completed order. Payment will need to be made before we will place your order. Checks need to be made out to CLYF and can be mailed to the office or put in the plate on Sunday. We will accept orders through next week.

Items for sale:

24" Fresh Balsam Wreath - \$20.00

This wreath from Minnesota has a red bow and three white tipped cones with red berries.

26" Mixed Greens Wreath - \$25.00

This wreath has a red velvet bow and three pinecone sets with holly berries.

36" Traditional Christmas Wreath - \$55.00

This wreath has a red velvet bow and five sets of three pine cones with red berries.

Cross - \$23.00

Cross made from fresh balsam with a bow and one set of pinecones with holly berries.

25' Balsam Roping - \$35.00

Extra thick evergreen roping.

Holiday Swag - \$20.00

Balsam swag with a red velvet bow and one set of pinecones with holly berries.

Holiday Evergreen Planter - \$23.00

Mixed evergreens with red twig dogwood branches in an 10" pot. Total height of the holiday planter is 24-30". Great for entrances, porches, decks and patios!