The Divine Service The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2020



AS WE GATHER

Our journey through the great Reformation "Sola's" continues today. We have celebrated the Good News that through Christ Alone we are made right with God... received through Faith Alone... revealed in Scripture Alone. Now today we assert the truth that all this comes to us by God's Grace Alone. Rejoice in God's Grace Gift for you!

Call to Worship / Check In

Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

Invocation

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People:

Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 51:1-3; 96:9-13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted

Leader

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People:

according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People:

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader:

As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own

choosing

People:

We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Leader:

We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left

undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

People:

and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Leader

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People:

let the field exult, and everything in it!

Leader

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

People:

before the LORD, for He comes,

Leader

for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness,

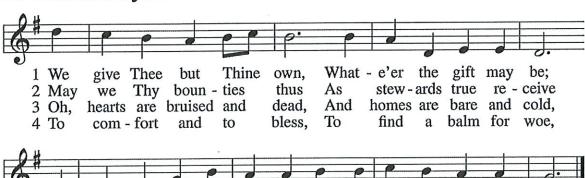
and the peoples in His faithfulness.

People:

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Processional Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781 verses 1-4



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give! And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold. To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

Greeting

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Leader:

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one

God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 45:1-7

Leader

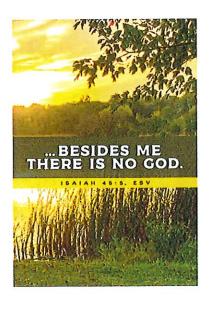
¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, 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 name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁴that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ¹I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things."

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.



Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Leader:

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 give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 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 loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and 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 delivers us from the wrath to come.

Leader

This is the Word of the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Leader **People:**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

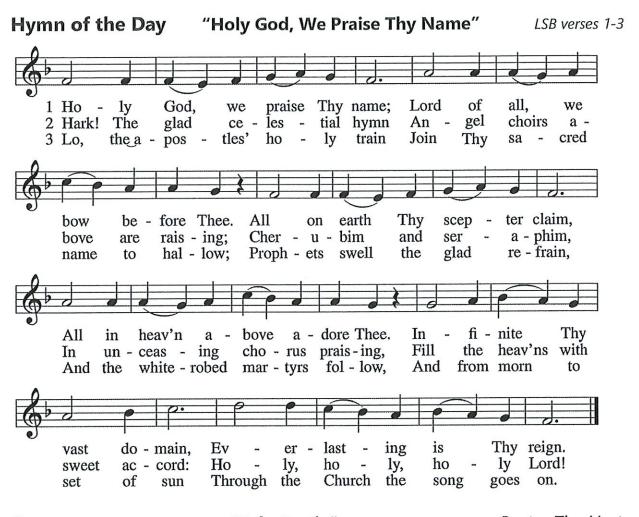
¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Leader:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

4 People:

Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon

"Sola Gratia"

Pastor Tim Hartner

Apostles' Creed

People:

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.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"

Gathering of Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People:

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: **People:**

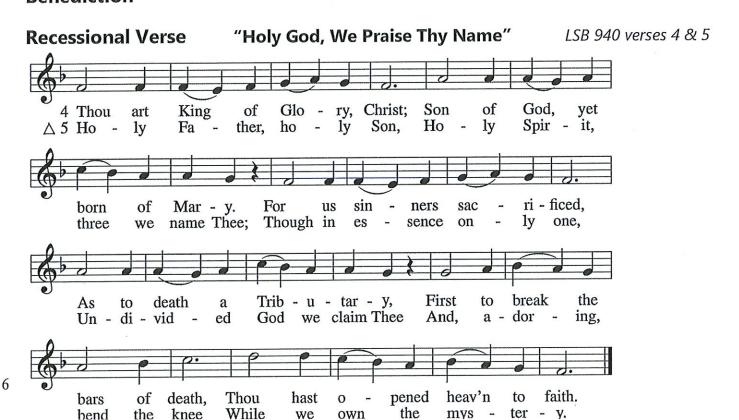
Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Announcements

Benediction



Dismissal

Leader:

Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

People:

Disciples making disciples.

Leader:

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God!

You are Invited! Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 30; 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Decorate your car, brings some treats and come on out to the St. Paul parking lot! Prize for the best trunk! No scary entries please.

Food, fellowship and fun at a safe distance!



Call the church office at 954-384-9096 for more information.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM—Via Zoom Adult Bible Study in person or livestreamed at 10:00 AM