

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 10, 2021

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come, let us delight in the grace of the Lord.

C Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

P Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

C Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet website. http://worshipcloset.com/

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.



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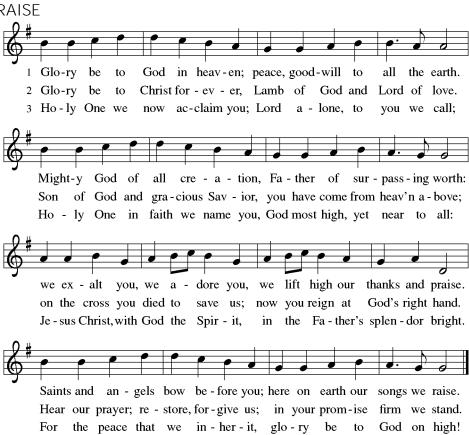
GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13) C And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L A reading from Amos.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
15Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

PSALM 90:12-17 Spoken responsively.

- L ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- C ¹³Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.
- L ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- C¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.

- L ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.
- C ¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 4:12-16

L A reading from Hebrews.

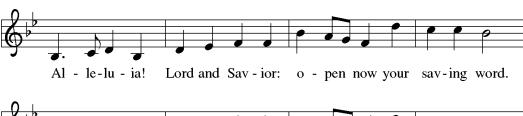
¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let it burn like fire with in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

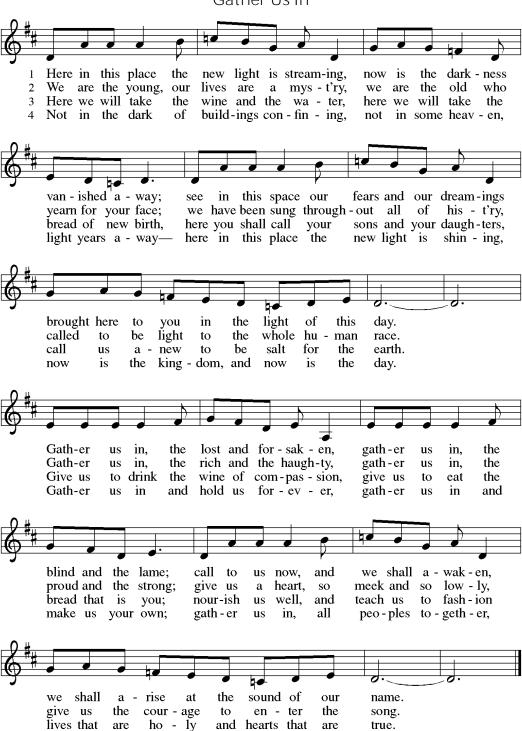
P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Ciara Jones
SERMON		Rev. Wes Smith
Please stand as you are able. HYMN	Gather Us In	
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Gather Us In



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Instill in all a deep care for Your good creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Teach us to act with compassion and love. Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Healing God, be with all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit this day. This day we pray especially for Victoria, Diane, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and for all those we now name in our hearts in the presence of this assembly. Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Sheltering God, in Jesus you traveled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind especially Lutherwood and the ministry they carry out in Your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.

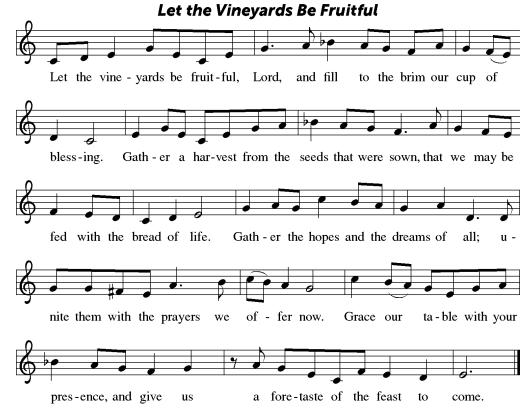
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

The offering is our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us. (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)

Please stand as you are able.



OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

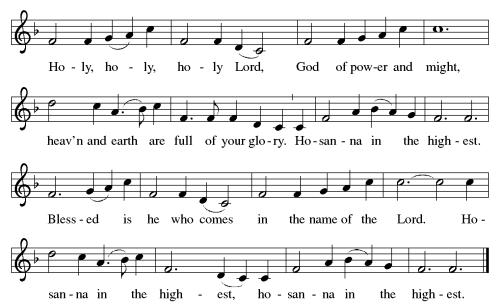
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory



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DISMISSAL

P You are the body of Christ risen up for the sake of the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE God of Grace Paul Manz

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Today's guest organist: Thomas Dearchs.

This week's Altar Flowers are sponsored by:
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Celebrating Brad and Julia's Anniversary and David's Birthday

Upcoming Commemorations

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF) Sunday, October 10, 2021

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582 Friday, October 15, 2021

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Pastor: Reverend Wes Smith, III
Guest Organist: Thomas Dearchs.

Lector: Paul Schmidt

Greeter: Tom Conrad

Usher: Connie Steinhart

Financial Assistants: Cindy Cannedy, Dawn Firmani

A/V Assistant: Bill Beck

Altar Guild: Carri Hanni, Chris Emsley, Susanne Goldberg

Hospitality: Set-up: Pastor Wes; Clean-up: volunteer needed

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