Divine Service, Setting Three
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10 October 2021

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"  

1 God of 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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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Stand
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

INTROIT

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C♫ And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.

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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

AMOS 5:6–7, 10–15

Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . . They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate 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.
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ADULT ANTHEM: ♫ “JESUS SHALL REIGN”

LSB 832

EPISTLE

HEBREWS 3:12–19

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

1ST – 8TH GRADE ANTHEM: ♫ “HERE I AM LORD”

Stand

ALLELUIA

As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”
Seek where you may
   To find a way
   That leads to your salvation.
My heart is stilled,
On Christ I build,
   He is the one foundation.
His Word is sure,
His works endure;
   He overthrows
   All evil foes;
Through Him I more than conquer.

Seek whom you may
   To be your stay,
   None can redeem his brother.
All helpers failed;
This man prevailed,
   The God-man and none other,
Our Servant-King
Of whom we sing.
   We’re justified
   Because He died,
The guilty being guiltless.

Seek Him alone
   Who did atone,
   Who did your souls deliver.
O seek Him first,
All you who thirst
   For grace that fails you never.
In ev’ry need
Seek Him indeed;
   To ev’ry heart
   He will impart
His blessings without measure.

My heart’s delight,
   My crown most bright,
   O Christ, my joy forever.
Not wealth nor pride
Nor fortune’s tide
   Our bonds of love shall sever.
You are my Lord;
Your precious Word
   Shall guide my way
   And help me stay
Forever in Your presence.

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SERMON: “WHERE ARE THE WORKERS?”
By Vicar Gary Johnson

MATTHEW 9:35-38

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

HYMN: ♫ “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER” LSB 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
   Pilgrim through this barren land.
   I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
   Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
   Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
   Feed me till I want no more;
   Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
   Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
   Lead me all my journey through.
   Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
   Be Thou still my strength and shield;
   Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
   Bid my anxious fears subside;
   Death of death and hell’s destruction,
   Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
   Songs of praises, songs of praises
   I will ever give to Thee;
   I will ever give to Thee.

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Stand
Collect

♫ Amen

1st – 8th Grade Anthem: ♫ “The Doxology”

Benediction

♫ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♫ Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: ♫ “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” LSB 733

1 O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Our shelter from the stormy blast,
   And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
   Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
   And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting Thou art God,
   To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
   Are like an evening gone,
   Short as the watch that ends the night
   Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   Soon bears us all away;
   We fly forgotten as a dream
   Dies at the op’ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Be Thou our guard while troubles last
   And our eternal home!

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Silent Prayer

Announcements

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