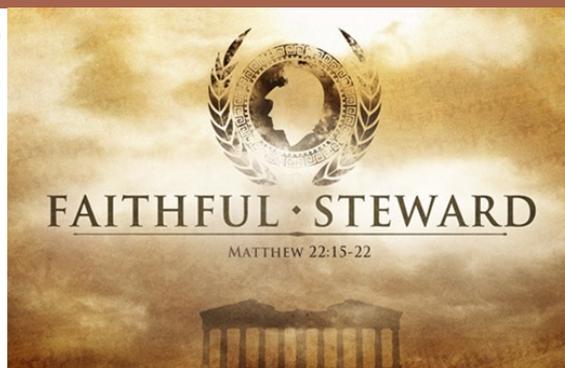




Pentecost 20
Sunday, October 18, 2020



Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, **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.**

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 the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: God Is Here!

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and
arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.

Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Greeting & Prayer

Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music: Matt Lagus

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

L: Word of God; word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9

O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

L: Word of God; word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Pastor Dwight Rudquist

Sermon Notes:

Hymn of the Day: We Give Thee but Thine Own

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace -- it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

P: Lord, in your mercy. C: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, ... join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn: By Your Hand You Feed Your People

By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:

Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs.

Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive.

Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: You Servants of God

You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumphs shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!



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Rose Anderson & the family of Joe Mallery, Dan Peterson, Julie Valez, the family of Margaret Dale, Marcielle Rogers, Cleo Stomberg the family of Brian Maloney, Leo Nelson, Caren Carlson, Rose Anderson, Gail Johnson & the rest of David Clow's family, and Yutaro Nakanishi.

Announcements

Outdoor Worship: We are hoping to have a n outdoor service on Sunday, October 25th. We will keep you posted by email and on our website!

Steeple Dedication: We are planning an outdoor worship service and a steeple dedication on Sunday, November 1st. This is Daylight Savings Sunday and it will be colder as we are entering into November - we plan to change the time and have the service a bit later in the morning. We will share the time with you as soon as it has been decided!

Worship Assisting: If you would like to be a lector or sing for a worship service (outdoor or online), we'd love to have you! Please contact Angie in the office for more details!

Confirmation Class: Next class will be held on Sunday, October 25th at 10:30am via Zoom. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Video Credits

Pastor Dwight Rudquist
Toni Brekke: Organ
Becky Hulden: Vocals
Joy Buchholtz: Lector
Carli Linngren: Photography
Lisa Rudquist: Photography
Angie Linngren: Photography, Filming & Editing

Intergenerational Faith Formation:

ELCA Craft Day

- Reformation Brunch or Dinner Party. We have a fun packet for you to check out on our website. Visit the Intergenerational Faith Formation page to find a packet including information on Martin Luther, some crafts, recipes and more!
- Prayers Partner Sign Up. Our Goal: each child and each youth be paired with an adult! Call the office if you would like to know more!
- Recorded Book Readings. We'd love for you to read a book to share with others. Please check out the sign up sheet at the registration table to sign up for a month!

Next Week: Reformation Day—WEAR RED!

Need Pastoral Care?

Call Pastor Dwight 651-829-4884

Have questions or in need of something?

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