



Christ Lutheran Church

Disciples of Christ sent to love and serve the Lord

**Order of Worship**  
20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 18, 2020

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Gathering

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 99:1-9

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord is great in Zion;**

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> **Mighty King, lover of justice,**

**you have established equity;**

you have executed justice

and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> **Extol the Lord our God;**

**worship at his footstool.**

Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**

**Samuel also was among those who called on his name.**

They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup> **He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**

**they kept his decrees,**

**and the statutes that he gave them.**

<sup>8</sup> O Lord our God, you answered them;

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup> **Extol the Lord our God,**

**and worship at his holy mountain;**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of 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.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

# Word

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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:  
<sup>2</sup>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,  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY - *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (ELW 841)**

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord, we look to you as the source of all that is good and proper. You gave us the vision of a peaceable kingdom, where the lion and the lamb can lie together, a people united under the tree of life. Bless the offerings we send for the mission of Christ in the world on this day. You abundantly give us all that we need for living. We thank you for your daily grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – 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 OF INTERCESSION**

*Response:* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*We now receive the prayers of our fellowship, in silence, through chat and in word.*

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord, who taught us all 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.**

#### **BLESSING**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN - *In Thee Is Gladness* (ELW 867)**

1 In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely  
and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
he can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory  
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
in him forever: Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

### **DISMISSAL**

Remember, we are *disciples of Christ sent to love and serve the Lord*.  
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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