Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Divine Service Two (167-183) October 10, 2021

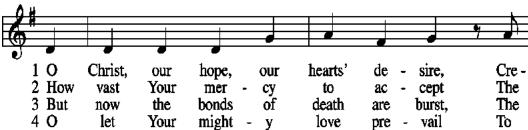
AS WE GATHER... God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. In the formal worship sequence observed in structured Christian communities such as monasteries, a noontime service called Sext, named for noon—the sixth hour of the day, provided a midpoint for a day filled with devotion. The psalmist affirms that every hour is a good hour to bless the Lord, writing: "My tongue shall tell of Your righteousness and of Your praise all the day long" (Psalm 35:28). TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY!

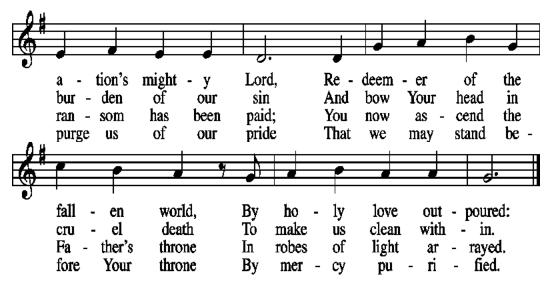
Voluntary: Voluntary on a Martin Luther Hymn "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (LSB 627) Based on Part V of The Small Catechism Arranged by Dale Stanton

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Hymn of Invocation: "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts'

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- 5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward; Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!
- 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord; All glory ever be To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Through all eternity!

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

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Ps. 112:3–6; antiphon: v:1

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

- C he will be remembered forever.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who fears the LORD,
- C who greatly delights in his commandments!

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

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.

Psalm *Psalm 90:12–17*

- P So teach us to number our days
- C that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- P Return, O LORD! How long?
- C Have pity on your servants!
- P Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
- C that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- P Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
- C and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- P Let your work be shown to your servants,
- C and your glorious power to their children.
- P Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

C and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

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.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

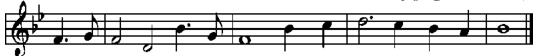
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- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, When mine eye-lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

Sermon "The Problem with 'Good'" (Mark 10:17-22)

Apostles' Creed

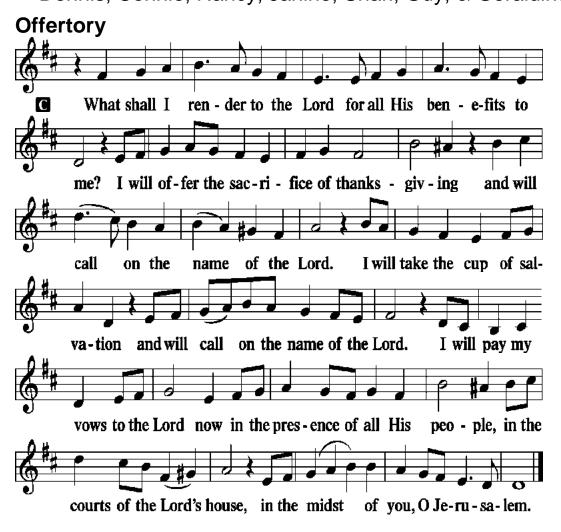
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

Those we remember in our Prayers: Louis & Eyvonne, Beth, Donna, Lavonne, Eric, Robin, Cynthia, Lillian, Edward, Brennen, Charles, Ed, William, Kathy, Frank, Fred, Erin, Charlie, Maddie, George, Wendy Jo, Andrea, Dennis, Connie, Nancy, Janine, Shari, Guy, & Geraldine.



+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

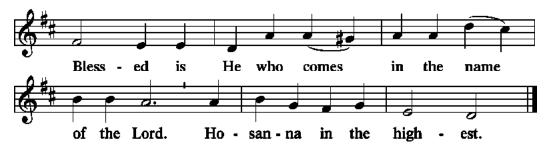
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P 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."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

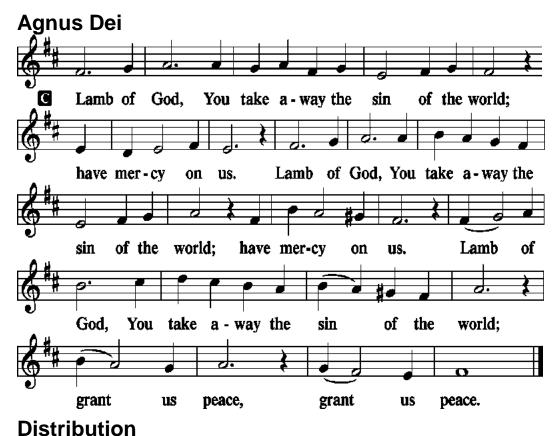
Lord's Prayer

C 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.

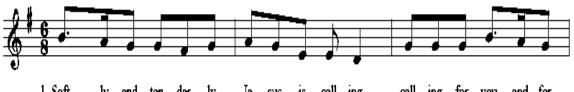
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Distribution Hymns: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" **WOV734**



- 1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly
- 2. **Why** should we tar - ry when
- is now fleet-ing, the 3. Time
- for the won-der-ful 4.0
- is call ing. Je - sus
- Je sus is plead -ing. mo-ments are pass-ing,
- love He has prom-ised,

wait - ing and watch-ing,

heed not His mer-cies.

call-ing for you and for plead-ing for you and for pass - ing from you and from prom-ised for you and for



- me; _____
- me? ____
- me; _____
- me; _____
- See, on the por-tals He's Why should we ling - er and
- Shad ows are gath er ing.
- death-beds are com-ing. Tho' we have sinned He has mer - cy and par - don,

watch-ing for you and for mer-cies for you and for com-ing for you and for par-don for you and for



- home, __ come home, ____ Come me. ____
- Ye who are wea-ry, come home; _

- me? ____
- me. ____
- me. _____



Call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!" Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call-ing-





Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" WOV 697



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and
- daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- We who bring them long forOh, how deep your ho ly
- nur ture; by your milk may we be fed. wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a - mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak-ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave themgar - ments bright and spark - ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re-new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de - light, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

NEWS & NOTES

A FRIENDLY REMINDER... After the bell has rung, we observe a time of silence to center ourselves for worship and for the playing of the Voluntary.

VOLUNTARIES...The Voluntaries throughout October are based on hymn in LSB authored by Martin Luther, who wrote the words and sometimes composed the tune also. Besides being a biblical scholar and theologian, Luther was a talented musician.

PORTALS OF PRAYER...the new Portals of Prayer are available on the back table of the Narthex if you haven't picked one up yet.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME...We still have a large stack of old hymnals downstairs, on the top of the bookshelf. If you would like one, please help yourself.

Devotions this week: keep your bulletin from today and read and then pray as the Lord moves you. Monday: The Old Testament (or 1st reading), Tuesday: The Psalm, Wednesday: The Epistle (or Second Reading), Thursday: The Gospel Reading, Friday: The Prayer of the Day, and Saturday: The lessons for the coming Sunday, The Twenty-First S. a. Pentecost: Eccl. 5:10-20, Psalm 119:9-16, Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16), Mark 10:23-31.

DAILY LECTIONARY

This outline is a devotional reading plan that covers the entire Sacred Scriptures each year. The selections are based on ancient models and are generally in harmony with the liturgical church year. The average reading is three chapters daily. A seasonal canticle is assigned for each month and is scheduled to replace the psalm on the first and last days of the month. All of the psalms are read twice a year.

October 10	Deut. 9.1-22, Matt. 11.1-19
October 11	Deut. 9:23-10:22, Matt. 11:20-30
October 12	Deut. 11:1-25, Matt. 12:1-21
October 13	Deut. 11:26-12:12, Matt. 12:22-37
October 14	Deut. 12:13-32, Matt. 12:38-50
October 15	Deut. 13:1-18, Matt. 13:1-23
October 16	Deut. 14:1-2, 22-23, 14:28-15:15, Matt. 13:24-43

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Attendance Last Week: 30

October 10

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LORD'S WORK AT OUR SAVIOR FROM LAST WEEK:

Envelope **\$2,850.00**, Plate **\$24.00**. Total **\$2,874.00**

Those in His Service

Elder on Call: Greg Skinner
Trustee on Call: Cathy Siemsen

Usher: Craig & Cathy Siemsen

Lay Asst. Craig Siemsen



FULFILLING OUR MISSION, HERE IS OUR CONGREGATIONAL ACTION PLAN...

Guided by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we will respond:

- **Spiritually**, by our study of Scripture and prayer as we participate in the work of the Lord.
- Inwardly, by inviting all our members to be faithful in worship.
- Outwardly, by sharing Christ with those who don't know the LORD and His mission or our Congregation.
- Sacrificially, by giving not only of our treasure, but also our time and talent, so that His light shines through us to draw His People to Him