

+ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost +

“A SEASON OF GRACE”

18 October 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church + McPherson, Kansas

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

GATHERING MUSIC

CONFESSION OF SIN

in bulletin

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITANY

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL

The gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22:15-22

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

“O God of Every Nation”

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CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 THE CHURCH

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PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Worshippers are invited to greet one another with a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we many come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

in bulletin

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

God is here!

Spread the word!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING MUSIC

CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all creation.

Amen.

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:22-24

“When through fiery trials

Your pathway shall lie,

My grace, all sufficient,

Shall be your supply.

The flames shall not hurt you;

I only design

Your dross to consume

And you gold to refine.”

*“How Firm a Foundation”
Verse 3 + ELW 796*

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness of life to do God’s work in the world.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servants who go to the ends of the earth, and dare to stand even before the rulers of tribes and nations to proclaim your merciful and gracious presence in the world through Christ and his cross. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, and bring healing and comfort to all those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts... Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Time of silence for reflection and additional prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*If you are communing virtually at home, hold up your bread and wine
at the appropriate times during the words of institution below.*

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.**

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper. Through him, with him, in him, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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.

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

*At home, share this meal eating and drinking, saying these words to others or yourself:
The body of Christ, given for you / me! The blood of Christ, shed for you / me!*

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life, and we pray that you your mercy you would 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.**

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.