## **October 4, 2020** Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



## The Live Is Christ and To Die Is Grain

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*Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing The Good News of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.* 

Hymn: Father, We Praise You..... CW # 581





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#### Confession and Absolution (Please Rise)

L: The Grace of our Lord **†** Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

#### C: And also, with you.

L: We pray, O Lord, open my lips

#### C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

- L: Hasten to save me, O God.
- C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
- L: You are the King of heaven and earth.
- C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!
- L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

#### C: AMEN

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord,

#### C: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

#### C: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

L: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

#### C: The heights of the hills are also his,

L: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

#### C: We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. AMEN

#### Prayer of the Day

L: Gracious Father, you are the light and salvation of your people, today and throughout every age. Bring us, we pray, through the troubles and challenges of this present life that we may see your goodness in eternity; for you live and reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen. (Be Seated)

#### First Lesson:

#### Isaiah 55:6–11

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

(The Word of our God)

Psalm 27

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Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\* be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,\* do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,\* O God my Savior.

#### Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,\* the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:\* I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;\*

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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.

Refrain

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:

I will continue to rejoice, <sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

<sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

<sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. <sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (The word of the Lord)





#### Gospel: (Please Rise)

#### Matthew 20:1-16

L: The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> "About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went.

"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' They replied,

#### C: <sup>7</sup> 'Because no one has hired us,'

L: "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

<sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

<sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner, saying,

# C: <sup>12</sup> 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

L: <sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?

<sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

<sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

#### C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (Be Seated)

Hymn: Lord of the Living Harvest...... CW # 559

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Sermon:

Philippians 1:18-23 <sub>(Pg 6)</sub> To Live Is Christ and To Die Is Gain

**Apostles' Creed:** (*Please Rise*) (together we confess)

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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:** Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and you leave no one standing idle. Help us to organize and arrange our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; this we ask in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: (traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and **†** give you peace.

C: Amen (Be Seated)

Hymn: My God, My Father, Make Me Strong ..... CW # 468



#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

October

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1	Daniel & Cynthia Freeman	А	21 <sup>st</sup>
3	Emily Meister	В	
4	Dan & Karen Meister	А	34 <sup>th</sup>
5	Nathaniel & Amanda Krause	А	1 <sup>st</sup>
10	Karen & Pastor Trimmer	А	40 <sup>th</sup>
10	Tim & Angie Carne	А	17 <sup>th</sup>
13	Scott Schweitzer	В	
15	Quinn Norman	В	
18	John & Courtnay Wittmershaus	А	6 <sup>th</sup>
22	August Ryan	В	
22	Dennis & Natasha Sullivan	А	31 <sup>st</sup>
26	Kathy Potter	В	
26	Rowan Norman	В	
31	Matthew Wolf	В	