

October 18, 2020

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize



Atonement Lutheran Church



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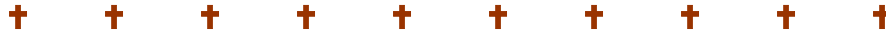
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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and Forgiveness.***

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Onward, Christian Soldiers* CW # 537

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful; Join the hap - py throng,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ the King;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See his ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain

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Confession and Absolution *(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 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

Prayer and Praise

L: We Pray. For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Dearest Lord Jesus, you are the Word that became flesh and made your home among us. As you lived your life in perfect obedience and holiness, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. With confidence and joy, we now await your return. Help us to proclaim your Holy Word and point others to your glory so that many more will gladly know you as their Savior, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(seated)*

First Lesson:**Isaiah 5:1–7**

¹ I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?”

⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress. (The Word of our God)

Psalm 118

Refrain

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This is the day the Lord has made, let us re -
joice and be glad! This is the day the
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The LORD is my strength [´]and my song;*
he has become my sal[´]vation.

The LORD'S right hand is [´]lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done [´]mighty things!

I will not [´]die but live,*
and will proclaim what the [´]LORD has done.

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I will give you thanks, for you [´]answered me;*
you have become my sal[´]vation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the [´]capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous [´]in our eyes.

This is the day the [´]LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be [´]glad in it.

**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

2nd Lesson:

Philippians 3:8-15

⁸ I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *The Law of God Is Good and Wise*..... CW # 287

1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his
 2 The law is good, but since the fall Its ho - li -
 3 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
 4 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of right - eous -
 ness con - demns us all; It dooms us for our sins to
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
 curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at his

ness, But dooms to death when we trans - gress.
 die And has no pow'r to jus - ti - fy.
 tate And seek re - lief be - fore too late.
 throne, Saved by his grace through faith a - lone.

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33–43

L: ³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, the landowner sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

C: ⁴¹ “**He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,**”

L: And he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: O Fount of Good, for All Your Love CW # 524 Stz 1–4



1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our true thanks should be paid.
2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par - tak - ers of your grace,
3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your plead - ing voice is heard;
4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And glad - ly do your will,



What can we ren - der, Lord, to you, When you own all that’s made?
Whose names you will your - self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther’s face.
You may in them be clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered.
Each oth - er’s dai - ly bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill.



Press On Toward The Heavenly Goal



Apostles' Creed: *(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, keep your Church strong and shining brightly. As members of your body, you have set us free from sin, death, and the power of Satan. Continue to guide your Church and protect your people, so that we may serve you and others all the days of our lives. 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 *(seated)*

Hymn: *How Precious Is the Book Divine* **CW # 284**

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1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By in - spi - ra - tion giv'n!
 2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our gloom - y world to cheer,
 3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And where our feet have trod
 4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of life shall guide our way

Bright as a lamp its doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
 Dis - plays a Sav - ior's bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.
 But brings to view the match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.
 Till we be - hold the clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30am
VOTERS MEETING – In person or virtual –

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

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