

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

Order of Service

[Please stand for parts marked with *]

Prelude: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" ... Wayne L Wold

*Baptismal Hymn: "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" [LSB 592]

1)Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying; With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.	2)Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly: "You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly, Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit."
3)Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing. Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing, In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.	4)Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it; Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.
5)Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded. Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded! Write the name we now have given' Write it in the book of heaven!	

Baptism of Alice Marie Bayer [LSB 268]

*Opening Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" [LSB 733]

1.)O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:	2.)Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
3.)Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.	4)A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone, Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.
5)Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.	6)O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

*Confession & Absolution [LSB 151]

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.

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 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

*Introit:

Is 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps 121:5

P. The Lord is your keeper;

C. the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

P. I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C. From where does my help come?

P. My help comes from the Lord,

C. who made heaven and earth.

P. He will not let your foot be moved;

C. he who keeps you will not slumber.

P. Behold, he who keeps Israel

C. will neither slumber nor sleep.

P. The Lord will keep you from all evil;

C. he will keep your life.

P. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

C. from this time forth and forevermore.

ALL **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.**

*Kyrie: [LSB 152]

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

*Gloria: [LSB 154]

Gloria in Excelsis *≈* *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Welcome & Prayer:

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray

ALL

**O God, the protector of all who trust in You,
have mercy on us
that with You as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: **Isaiah 45:1-7**

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped,

to subdue nations before him

and to loose the belts of kings,

to open doors before him

that gates may not be closed:

“I will go before you

and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
 I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
 that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
 I am the Lord, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
 that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.
 I form light and create darkness;
 I make well-being and create calamity;
 I am the Lord, who does all these things.

Epistle Lesson: **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.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Alleluia: [LSB 156]

Common

John 6:68

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Hymn of the Day: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" [LSB 964]

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.	

Sermon

*Offertory: [LSB 159]

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of the Church

*Service of The Sacrament [LSB 160]

Preface
Sanctus [LSB 161]
Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution

Agnus Dei [*LSB 163*]

Distribution

*Post Communion: “*Nunc Dimittis*” [*LSB 165*]

*Post Communion Collect

*Benediction [*LSB 166*]

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: “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” [*LSB 850*]

<p>1) God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r; Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour</p>	<p>2.) Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.</p>
<p>3) Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control’ Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss your kingdom’s goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.</p>	<p>4) Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore, Serving you whom we adore.</p>

Postlude: “*Grosser Gott*” ... Timothy Flynn