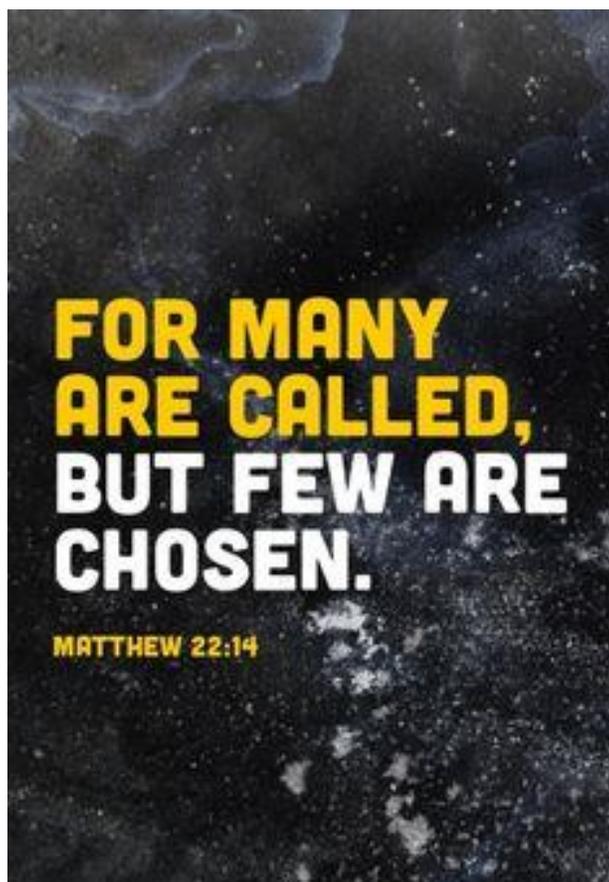


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## The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

17 October A✠D 2021  
*Divine Service, Setting IV*

## ✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we again take our place joyously at the eternal feast of God, prepared for us in Christ Jesus. Today, God calls the whole world to this feast, desiring that all would receive everlasting life in Him. And this morning we take our place joyously at His table, clothed through faith in the righteousness of Christ, that we, in the cleansing of Baptism, might be found worthy.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,  
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,  
I humbly pray that You would open my heart  
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may  
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my  
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.  
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

**ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Stand

## Hymn of Invocation: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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# Service of the Word

## Introit (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalm 48:1, 9–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

- P** The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,  
for we have not obeyed his commandments.
- C** **Glorify your name, O Lord;**  
**and deal with us according to your great mercy.**
- P** Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.
- C** **We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,**  
**in the midst of your temple.**
- P** As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.  
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- C** **Let Mount Zion be glad!**  
**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!**

**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.**

- P** The Lord is righteous in all he has done to us,  
for we have not obeyed his commandments.
- C** **Glorify your name, O Lord;**  
**and deal with us according to your great mercy.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

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

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 145:15–16

**P** The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**C** You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

## Hymn of the Day: 828 We Are Called to Stand Together



1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of  
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him  
3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the  
4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -  
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets  
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,  
Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - alds took the mes - sage,  
bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior  
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and  
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of  
Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y  
Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,  
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!  
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.  
grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.  
grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.  
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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## Sermon

Stand

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Holy One of Israel, righteous in all Your works toward us, Your name be glorified. Deal with us not according to our sins, but according to Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Your kingdom come, O Lord. Preserve the invitation of Your saving Gospel among us, that many may come into Your Son's eternal wedding feast. Protect Your servants who preach and teach Your Word, and guard their families from those who oppose the Truth. Open our ears to listen diligently to Your living and life-giving Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Your will be done, O Lord. Bless our homes, that generation after generation may walk not as unwise but as wise, and so redeem these evil days until Your Son's return. In this foolish world, fill us with Your Spirit, that we would give You thanks and submit to all authorities out of reverence for Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give us bread that satisfies and all that is needful on account of Christ. Hear our prayers for those troubled and afflicted, [*especially for* \_\_\_\_\_]. Provide, we pray, for all their needs of body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Forgive us our trespasses, O Lord, in this Supper prepared through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and delivered according to His testament. Gathered together with Your guests, lead us to forgive those who trespass against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Spare us from all temptations, Lord, and deliver us from evil. In true repentance, lead us to forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and return to You for abundant pardon, seeking You while You may be found, that when Christ returns in His glory, we may not be cast into the outer darkness but welcomed by grace into His everlasting wedding hall; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

*During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.*

# Service of the Sacrament

*Stand*

## Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

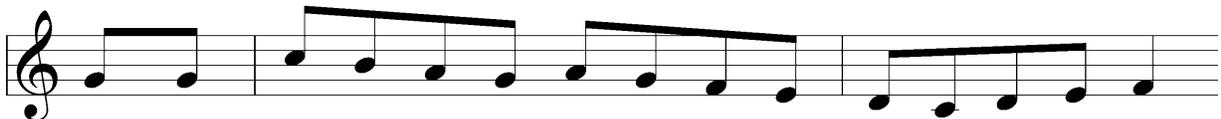
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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.**

## 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."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



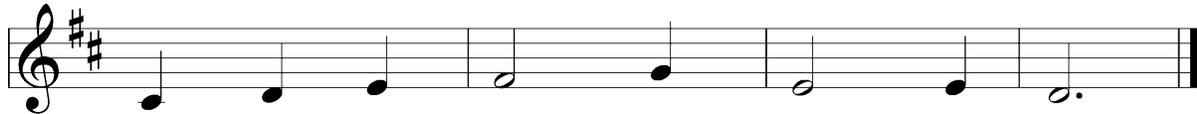
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Visitors – Please see the note on the inside front of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.*

## Distribution Hymn: 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well  
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -  
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,  
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



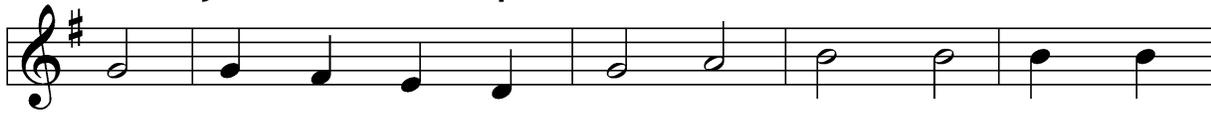
for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,  
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,  
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,  
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.  
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.  
 As - sured of Your full par - don.  
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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# Distribution Hymn: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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 in 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.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;  
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,  
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;  
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;  
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,  
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.  
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.  
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 10/17 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Pastor Vergin off; Pastor Pies presiding over worship/Bible class**
- **Divine Service 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**
  - **Adult Bible Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**
- Mon. 10/18 Pastor's Day Off**
- Tue. 10/19 Pastor out of the office after 2 p.m.**  
**Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.**
- Thu. 10/21 Funeral for Sharon Williams at St. Mark's – Viewing at 9:30 a.m.; Funeral at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Pastor out of the office in the p.m.**
- Fri. 10/22 Deadline to submit newsletter articles**
- Sat. 10/23 Trunk-or-Treat 2 – 4 p.m.**
- Sun. 10/24 Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service 9:30 a.m.**
  - **Sunday School 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**
  - **Adult Bible Class 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

## TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR EFFORTS TO HELP MITIGATE CORONAVIRUS – Here's what you can expect for our Sunday morning Divine Services:

1. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available on the table in the entryway if you decide to use them.
2. Those who wish may request a squirt of hand sanitizer from the usher before Holy Communion, and sanitizer will also be sitting on small tables in the side altar rooms for your use following Communion.
3. The "Sharing of the Peace" will be temporarily suspended.

Pastor's sermons will still be posted on St. Mark's Facebook page a day or two after each service. Thank you for your gracious cooperation and your flexibility!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL – Preschool through Elementary-age school kids are welcome to join us for Sunday School this morning right after the Divine Service in the Library. Sunday School takes place at the same time as the Adult Bible Study class **from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. each Sunday**. Kids will hear a different Bible story each week; what a great way for them to learn about Jesus! And kids are certainly welcome to bring friends and/or family with them also!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Our Sunday Adult Bible Study takes place **each Sunday morning after the Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.)** in the basement fellowship hall, and all are welcome to attend! This morning, Pastor Pies will be teaching on today's 3 scripture readings. Please join him!

**THE OPEN DOOR HAS AN IMMEDIATE NEED** for kids' pajamas (boys, girls...it doesn't matter) in sizes Newborn to 3T. **They also need kids' socks** in sizes baby, toddler and grade school. If you can help, please place your donations in the Open Door bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Any questions regarding this request can be directed to Leslie Oehring.

CAN/BOTTLE DRIVE TO SUPPORT LIBERIAN LUTHERAN SCHOOL – St. Mark's Board of Human Care will be hosting several different fundraisers over the next year in an effort to raise the \$3,000 that is needed to install a new well at the Liberian Lutheran School that we support. **Today is Can/Bottle Collection Day**. Karen Kaufman will be accepting cans and bottles and loading them into her vehicle, right after the Divine Service. You may also choose to give a cash donation by placing any amount (checks made payable to St. Mark's Lutheran Church) in a green pew envelope (write "Joe Boway" on the front of the envelope), or you can visit St. Mark's website and click on our online giving button where you can donate to the fund called "Joe Boway/Liberian School." Thanks in advance for your support in this fundraising effort!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT IS THIS SATURDAY – St. Mark's Board of Family and Youth will be sponsoring the annual Trunk-or-Treat event for kids this **Saturday, October 23** from 2-4 p.m. The plan is to have the decorated "trunks" outdoors (rain or shine with tents/canopies over the trunks if the former) for the kids to walk by for candy. All volunteers are encouraged to wear a costume and arrive at church by 1 p.m. to set up. Lots of help and some individually-wrapped candy donations will be needed. Sign-up sheets are now sitting on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Last year, we had around 100 cars come through and even ran out of candy once! But it was so much fun! We hope you'll make plans now to join us for this fun event!

REFORMATION DAY & FALL HARVEST POTLUCK – On **Sunday, October 31**, St. Marks' will celebrate Reformation Day during the Divine Service, and this will be followed by our Fall Harvest Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Church attendees are asked to wear red to church that day in honor of the Reformation. For additional details about what the Reformation is, and why we celebrate it, see the article on Page 1 of October's church newsletter. Also, a sign-up sheet has been posted on an easel in the entryway where you can list how many in your family will be attending, and what dish you'd like to bring for the Potluck.

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2022 BOARD/OFFICER POSITIONS - Would you like to serve at St. Mark's in an official capacity? Do you know of anyone whom you think would be well-suited to serve? We are now accepting nominations for our elected positions. This year, we are accepting nominations for the following Officers:

- Congregational Vice-President
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

Additionally, we're accepting nominations for all six congregational Boards:

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support
- Assimilation & Stewardship
- Family & Youth
- Properties

Each elected term is for three years. Responsibilities for each Board/Position can be found in our Bylaws. Please call the church office with any questions. Nomination forms are now located on the back table in the sanctuary. You can nominate yourself, or someone else! Please consider serving the Lord in this special way! May He bless our congregation in the year ahead!

ELDERS' CONFERENCE COMING UP IN NOVEMBER – St. Mark's Board of Elders, along with Pastor Vergin, will be hosting an Elders' Conference here on **Saturday, November 6** from 2 – 6 p.m. All elders from our circuit have been invited to attend. Participants will be sharing ideas on a variety of elders' issues, and dinner will be included (provided by our elders).

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION – On **Sunday, November 7**, we will be observing All Saints' Day where we remember those in Christ who have fallen asleep in the Lord, rejoicing that they are now at peace with Jesus, awaiting the day of resurrection. During the Divine Service, we will ring a bell once commemorating the saints from St. Mark's who have fallen asleep in the Lord during this past year. Please join us for this special worship service.

LWML MULTI-LAKES ZONE RALLY – All ladies of St. Mark's are invited to attend the upcoming Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally on **Saturday, November 13**. The event will take place at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3795 Sashabaw Road, Waterford from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mary Beth Heikkinen, President of the LWML Michigan District. For more details about this event, please see the flier posted in the plastic stand on the bookshelf at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper’s bonus card to St. Mark’s** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend in their store(s) to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. We then use this money to help with building maintenance/improvements. If interested, please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper’s Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

DONATIONS FOR THE *INVISIBLE DAD* LUNCH PROGRAM - The Invisible Dad lunch program at Keith Elementary School (around the corner from St. Mark’s) was started a few years ago by a dad whose children attend there. The program keeps extra money in the school’s Invisible Dad Lunch Fund so that if a student’s personal lunch account falls too low, or if a student forgets to bring a lunch (or can’t afford to bring a lunch), money is available for them to have the same lunch as other students at no cost. This saves the student the embarrassment of being offered just a sandwich wrap and/or cheese/cracker package (the state mandated free items that the school can provide). St. Mark’s will continue to receive any loose change you might like to donate toward this program for next year. A clear, glass jar is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can drop any extra change or bills you might have.



## SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Frank Pies

*Pastor Emeritus, Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Hartland, MI*

Acolyte

Jay Anderson

Altar Guild

Gail Fitzgerald

Elder on Duty

Darryl Swainson

Greeter(s)

Sue Ingram/Judy Schassberger

Offering Counters

Barbara Jewell & Lori Whitehead

Organist

Rob Wheeler

Percussionist

David Drake

Trumpeter

Chris Gerard

Usher

Matt Maier

Video Technician

Karen Kaufman