

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**~ OCTOBER 18, 2020 ~ 9:00 am**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

- Vs. 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- Vs. 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- Vs. 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- Vs. 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: *we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: *Amen.***

#### **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: *And also with you.***

#### **KYRIE**

L: Kyrie eleison:

**C: *Lord, have mercy.***

L: Christe eleison:

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#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,

And peace to God's people on earth.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Sovereign God,

**C: *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.***

### **FIRST LESSON Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 96:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

**<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

### **SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**C: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

### **Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

#### SERMON "*Agnus Dei*"

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

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Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

You are holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen Alleluia

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in your mercy,

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

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.***

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

***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.***

**COMMUNION SONG:**

***"His Mercy Is More"***

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

What love could remember

No wrongs we have done

Omniscient all-knowing

He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea

Without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

What patience would wait

As we constantly roam

What Father so tender

Is calling us home

He welcomes the weakest

The vilest the poor

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt  
We could never afford  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
New every morn'  
Our sins they are many  
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#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER**

L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING SONG “*We Are Marching in the Light*”**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .

#### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

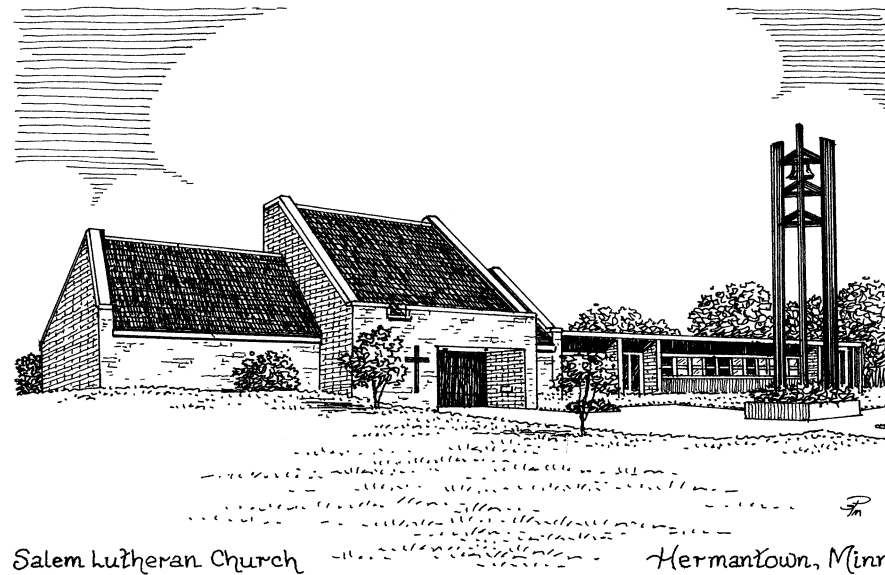
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Lessons for Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
**Jeremiah 31:31-34**                      **Psalm 46**  
**Romans 3:19-28**                      **John 8:31-36**

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