

Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
October 18, 2020



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

AR HYD Y NOS

Robert Hobby

(Congregation speaks words in bold print)

Announcements

Gathering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:
have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:
have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:
have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:
have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:
have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnesses to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
have mercy on us.

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.

Amen.

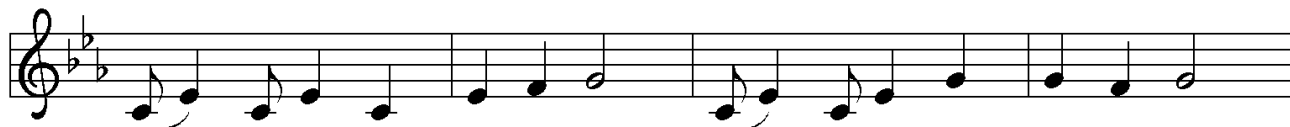
GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



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| 2 | Chris - te e - le - i - son. | Chris - te e - le - i - son. |
| 1, 3 | Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |
| 2 | Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy. |



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Sovereign God, 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.

Word

Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

Reader/ A reading from First Thessalonians.

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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 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. 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 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. 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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Scott Houldin, tenor

I Will at All Times Bless the Lord

G. F. Handel

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions.
First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 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." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

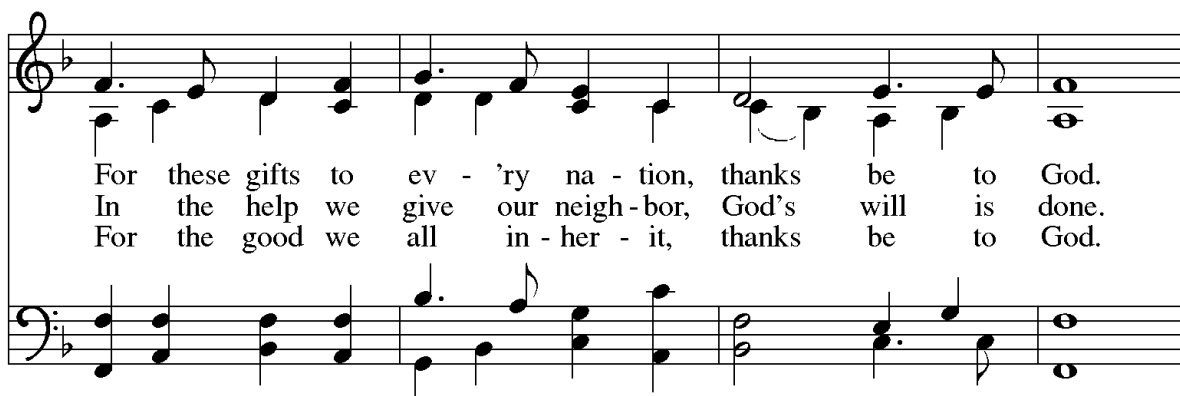
Sermon

Pastor Tancredi

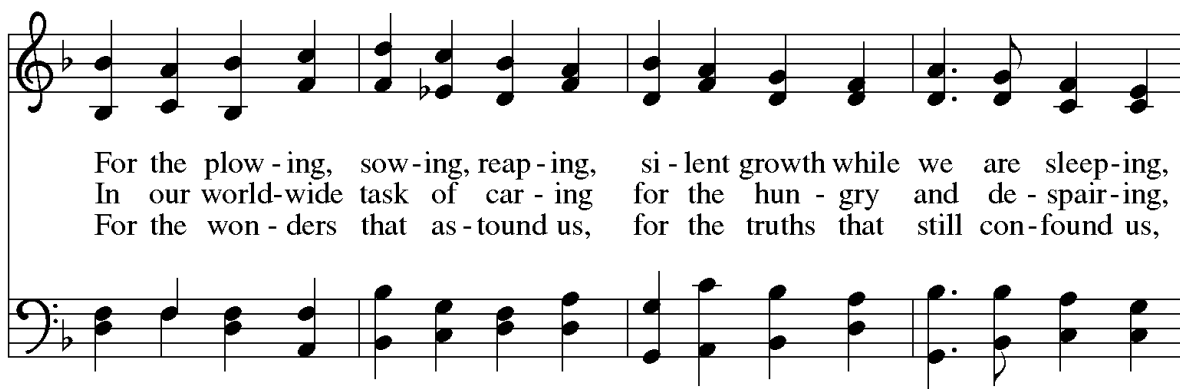
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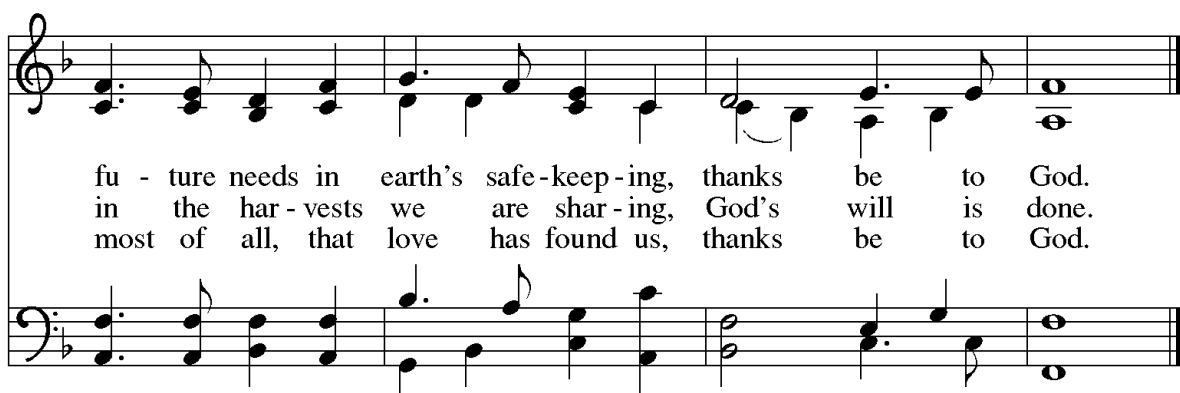
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS

(Each portion of the prayers concludes with the following:)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace with those around you without leaving your pew.

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry which has allowed us to continue giving to organizations like Caring for Friends and Bear Creek Camp. Checks can be mailed to the church office, or you can give online at www.stpaulsardmore.com/giving.



Meal

(If you are joining us live at home, join in communion with your own bread/ cracker and wine/ grape juice. Place them out now and consume them at the time of distribution. If you are gathered with others, offer the elements to each other with the words “The body of Christ, given for you” and “the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you are physically alone, say the words to yourself as you consume the elements).

DIALOG

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...*(Here the celebrant continues with the preface for the season, concluding)*...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

(The celebrant continues...)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Communion will be in one kind, bread only. Both the body and blood of Christ are fully present in each element. The left side will commune first, at the ushers' instruction followed by the right. The pastor will place a wafer in your hands. Please consume the host only once you have returned to your pew.

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ our Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by soloist, congregation refrains from singing)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Paeon

John Marsh

Saint Paul's Weekly Calendar

TODAY- Sunday Worship, 10:00 am

- 10/21 Evening Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10/22 Women's Christian Fellowship- Zoom meeting, 1:00 pm
- 10/24 FwYC Halloween Event- Outside behind the church, 4:30 pm
- 10/25 Holy Communion with Confirmation, 10:00 am



Join us for a discussion on the award-winning documentary:

Voices of Grief: Honoring the Sacred Journey
with the producer, Kathy Sparnins

Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:00 pm
via Zoom

You are to watch the 42-minute film PRIOR to the discussion

For the link to view the film and zoom information
Contact the church office carisa@stpaulsardmore.org
or Beth McElvenney bethmcelvenney@gmail.com

The film offers a fresh perspective on the many ways we navigate successfully through grief and companion others on their journey. Voices of Grief weaves together interviews and insights from contemporary authors, poets and spiritual teachers with the stories of people who talk about their own very personal experiences with grief.

"This film brings grief out of the darkness and into the light of hope and healing,"

~ Rev. Dr. Leanna Hadley.

Families with Young Children

Halloween Event Saturday, October 24

The Event

Where: Outside St. Paul's in the field behind the church

When: Saturday, October 24th 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm. (Sunday, October 25th, weather backup)

Activities:

Halloween craft

Halloween game

Costume show (children with stand in their area)

Watch "Charlie Brown & the Great Pumpkin" on an outdoor projection screen

Required Safety Measures

To protect the health and safety of attendees, families will be asked to stay together in their area. Areas will be marked on the grass and adequately separated. In addition, all families are asked to abide by the following:

Wear masks over nose and mouth at all times (except for children under 2).

Maintain 6 feet distance from attendees not in your family.

Stay home if you are not feeling well.

Instructions

Prior to 10/16 Please RSVP to the church office indicating the number of kids.

Prior to 10/24 Please email pfreestone@gmail.com with children's names, ages and costume (for announcing during the costume show).

At the event: Please bring a blanket or chairs to sit on in your designated area.

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, Shane Boston, Army, (son of Kim Boston); Michael Burns, Army Reserves (son of Linda and Bob Burns); Laura Dormans (daughter of Nan Dormans) and Sean Hopkins (son of Terry Hopkins).

Prayers are also requested for: Miranda Bagnet (friend of Beth McElvenney); Tina Brady (friend of Dottie Buchanan); JT Burns (cousin of Bob Burns); Charlotte Conybear; Liza Smiles DeBlis (friend of Claudia Muller); Barb Dieter, Larry Dieter (son of Larry & Barb Dieter); Theresa Dry (sister of Dan Dry); Steve Engh (father of Anita Engh); Jo Fenstermacher (cousin of Bob Burns); Gunda Grabowski (aunt of Mark Muller); Colin Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Jackson Helms (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Patty Hersh (sister of Susan Cavanaugh); Dan Joseph, Tom Keyser, Kathleen & Dominick Martini (friends of Laurie DeWarf); Sister Mercedes (friend of Hazel Pelletreau); Joan Miller (mother of David Miller); Jay Mulqueen (father of Missy Perry); Kim O'Rourke (friend of Missy Perry); Irma Payan, Gloria Peterson (mother of Kris Peterson); Walter Proschinger (brother of Christa Scheidly); Linda Razzano (cousin of Hazel Pelletreau); Claire Robinson; Bob Rogers (brother of Lynda McNab); Skylar Seeley (friend of Spencer Schumacher); Jack Walburn (father of Megan Ruehr); Lily Walker (friend of Sarah Krissing); Stefanie Zissel (cousin of Claudia Muller); Judi Zucker, Alyson (cousin of Jane Downing); Jessica (friend of Liz Cassidy); Fin Parker and we pray for Pam McDowell on the death of Pastor Skip McDowell.

(Please notify the church office to add a name to the prayer list.)

St. Paul's Virtual Sunday School
Join us on Zoom on the first Sunday of each month!
New time: 9:00 am

The Zoom link will be sent out via email a few days before the meeting

Families will receive a flyer this week with more details



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