

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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INVOCATION

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

Amen.

INTROIT: PSALM 121:1-5, 7-8 (ESV)

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- 2 *My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 *Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- 7 *The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.*
- 8 *The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.*

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.

Amen.

#212: "HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME"

- 1 Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train
Join Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim You
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

CONFESSION OF SIN

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) And so with confidence we bow before the Lord to confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ’s sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!

O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 45:1-7 (ESV)

¹ 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:

² “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,

³ 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.

⁴ 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.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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 (ESV)

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 22:15-22 (ESV)

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ 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.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Danny Lee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING RESPONSE

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.*

#184: “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

- 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.
- 2 Unresting, unshaking, 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.
- 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 as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee. all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

SERMON

Pastor John Rieth

#451: “LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL”

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin’s fierce war shall cease.
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace:
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav’nly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
 We follow, not with fears.
 For gladness breaks like morning
 Where'er Your face appears.
 Your cross is lifted o'er us;
 We journey in its light;
 The crown awaits the conquest;
 Lead on, O God of might!

THE 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.

BENEDICTION (NUMBERS 6:24-26)

The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.*

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., October 19 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
 Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wed., October 21 Hebrews Bible Study 7:00 pm
 (on site and via Zoom)

Sun., October 25 "Behold His Glory" KNOX 1310 AM 7:30 am
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Divine Worship 10:30 am

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. Nov. 1 Daylight Saving Time ends
 Divine Worship/Holy Communion 10:30 am

Sun. Nov. 15 Special Offering will go toward AFLC Home Missions

It's time again to sign up for poinsettias for Christmas. The signup sheet is on the table in back of the church. There are two cups of pencils, one for unused pencils and one for the used ones. Please take a new pencil to sign up and then put the pencil into the cup that says used pencils. There is a basket to put the monies and your order slip into. If paying by check, please make payable to Trinity Free Lutheran Church. All orders need to be placed by Sunday, Nov. 15th. Please note the insert as far as prices for the poinsettias. Thank you!

Remember to pray for those who are hurting or sick, those who have lost a loved one, young families with children, our nation, the AFLC, members & friends of Trinity, Pastor Dan and Alicia Antal.

10/11 Attn: 42; **Offering:** \$1,068; **Radio:** \$10
10/25 Texts: Rev.14:6-7; Rom.3:19-28; John 8:31-36 or
 Matt.11:12-19