

WELCOMING WORD *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

OPENING HYMN #252 You Servants of God

You servants of God, your master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

Our God rules on high, almighty to save;
All still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: Amen.

INVOCATION

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.

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 ¹Thus 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: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so 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. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They 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.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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HYMN #506 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our fev'rish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence praise.

Oh, Sabbath rest by Galilee, Oh calm of hills above;
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all, may your word of reconciliation sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with your grace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of healing, be with those people and communities who have suffered with fires, storms, and destruction. Help to rebuild homes and lives, be with those who come to bring relief, and use your people to extend your compassion to those who suffer. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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. 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 *May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again*

CLOSING HYMN: #543 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen Sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

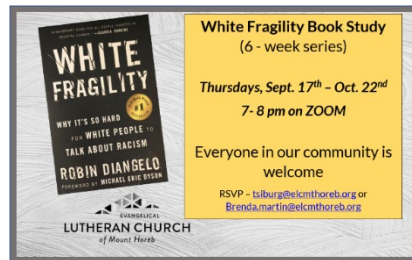
PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Judy Jennings
Ruth Osterholz
Nick Sydow (friend of Connie Curran's sons)
Brian Marshall (friend of Kim Kelliher)
Dorothy Jelle
Mary Krantz
Ruth Ann Nemet
Connie Fausett (sister of Diane Twiton & Jean Bower)
Laurie Duden (Brenda Martin's aunt)
Bill Steinhauer
Peter Toniazzo
Richard Schuhler (friend of Ron & Bonny Kellogg)
Trevor, Lizzie & Cammie Sayre (son of Tamie Reichert)

Agnes Robertson (friend of Holly Thompson)
Delores Bryant
Makenzee Smith
Brock Howe
Jeannie U'Ren
Mike Olson (Wendy Rasmussen's brother)
Irene Bruflat
Sally Gaard (friend of Margie Kahl)
Harlan Oimoen
Grace Aavang
Dianne Haskins (friend of Char Smith)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



"AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM" - Our Confirmands will be celebrating 'Affirmation of Baptism' on October 25th, during a special 10:00 AM service. The service will be broadcasted on a live feed for anyone to watch online during that time. Please pray for guidance for our 9th graders as they are preparing for this special day in their faith journey, as they affirm their baptism.

BUCKY BOOKS FOR SALE -Our youth are fundraising to help our future summer youth opportunities. Each book sells for \$35.00. Three ways to order your book, safely:

- 1) Available at the Drive In Worship.
- 2.) For faster delivery, email Brenda.martin@elcmthoreb.org and a copy will be delivered to your door.
- 3.) Order online at <https://www.buckybook.com/evangelical-lutheran-church-mt-horeb>. The books would be shipped directly to your home. **SHARE THE LINK WITH FRIENDS.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL on ZOOM Join us on ZOOM, 9:00 - 9:30am, each Sunday morning. Youth, who are 3 years old - 8th grade are invited to participate. It is great seeing their faces each week. Lessons are also emailed, if you are unable to attend our ZOOM time.

FUSE NIGHTS on ZOOM Youth, who are 9th - 12th graders are welcome to join our high school group on ZOOM, Monday, October 26 at 7pm. FUSE nights build relationships, challenge each other in exciting games, time to hang out, and learn about what it means to share our faith with everyone

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53, Luke's message (Commemoration of St. Luke day)

Tuesday, Daniel 3:19-30, The Fiery Furnace

Wednesday, Matthew 17:22-27, The Question about the Temple Tax

Thursday, Psalm 1, The tree planted by the water

Friday, Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 Teach sound doctrine

Saturday, John 5:39-47, Scriptures testify to Jesus

TALK: Consider some of these ideas: *"Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?" Matthew 22:18. Jesus answered the Pharisees and Herodians as they tried to trick him in what he says through his teachings. He was able to avoid being trapped in this test while explaining the importance of giving to the emperor what is the emperor's and to God what is God's. We often face many challenging and trying times, especially now, and as we come through these challenges we can still give thanks to God for all that has been provided.*

- How can we find ways of giving thanks to God for what has been given even through the daily challenges we face?
- When might we be the ones who are the hypocrites trying to 'test' others?
- Think of a time when you were the one who was asked a trick/hard question with no right/good answer. How did it feel being the one having to answer it?
- What are some things you can do to help remember to give to God what is God's?

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.**

BLESS: May you rejoice in God's peace this day. Amen!