



Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

20th Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2020



When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME & CENTERING TIME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

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

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.

Amen

GATHERING SONG

“WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”

- 1 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.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.
- 3 The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.
- 4 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

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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.

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

THE FIRST 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.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING: 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.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR CHRIS STEUBING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

You are invited to share God's peace.

OFFERING

Ways to give:

Online Contribution: www.cslcvh.org/tithe

**Text to Give: Text amount (without dollar sign) to
651-409-5133**

**Mail to: Christ the Servant Lutheran Church,
3676 Centerville Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127**

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

BLESSING

Mothering God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen

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

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CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are in need of healing: Ron Thunhorst, Jay Rensted, Audrey Rensted, Marilyn Domeier, Kathy Owen (Penny Owen's mother), Nancy Ebner (Katie Wright's next door neighbor), Gene Knop (Sandy Hammerlind's uncle).

For those who are grieving:

The family and friends of... Cozy Peterson (Deb Gennow's sister), Charlotte (Liz Torres' foster sister).

Prayers for our church's Council and COVID Response Team as they carefully and prayerfully discern the way forward for a rhythm of meeting and worship in our congregation.



REFORMATION
Sunday

We celebrate the
503rd Anniversary of the Reformation next
Sunday, October 25th at our 9:00am service.
This special church holiday commemorates the Reformation movement that began with Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church. You're invited to wear **"red"**.

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Sunday, October 18 - 20th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 AM - Worship - (Online)

10:15 AM - Fellowship Hour (Zoom)

Monday, October 19

Tuesday, October 20

7:30 AM - Free Bread Distribution (Patio)

7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Patio)

Wednesday, October 21

(No Wednesday Bible Study this week)

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM — Youth Missional Community (Patio)

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Sunday, October 25 - Reformation Sunday

9:00 AM - Worship - (Online)

10:15 AM - Fellowship Hour (Zoom)

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Fall Women's Bible Study

Book: *It's Not Supposed to Be this Way*

by Lisa TerKeurst

When: Began Saturday, September 19th

They will continue to meet every other week on these upcoming dates from 9 - 11 am

(Patio or Zoom Link). Remaining class dates:

Saturday, October 31st, November 14th

Saturday, November 28th or December 5th (TBD)

Contact Amy at 651-274-0966 for more information.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER deadline for articles to be submitted to Sandy in the church office is Friday, October 23rd.

Thank you!



YOUTH CLASSES are being held at 6:00 PM on the church patio on Wednesday evenings.

Note: if inclement weather, meet online.

RSVP to Lori Moore - 612-868-5148,
lm Moore52874@yahoo.com.

Please note that we will be following the COVID guidelines that the church has set up. Masks are required and social distancing must be followed. No restrooms will be available.



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FREE BREAD DISTRIBUTION – TUESDAYS

Every Tuesday, starting about 7:30 AM or so, free bread is distributed on the patio, as soon as the bread is delivered, and we can set up the tables. COVID virus guidelines are being followed to prevent the spread of the COVID virus... maintaining distance, wearing masks, and so forth.

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