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Pentecost 20

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

Today's Worship

"Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 904: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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

C: Amen.

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.





Prayer of the Day

Epistle lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 NKJV

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

Gospel lesson: Matthew 13:45-52 NKJV

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

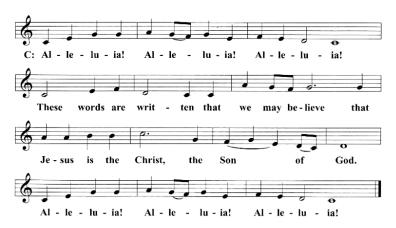
"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?"

They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old."

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and

glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

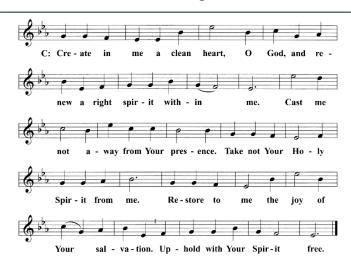
Hymn 715: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Sermon: Mark 4:35-41 NKJV

On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How *is it* that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

Jesus is the One who will bring us to the other side.



Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Children: Father, I Adore You

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How You love me! Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How You love me! Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you. How You love me!

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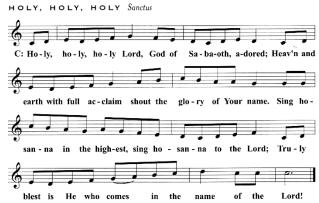
P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

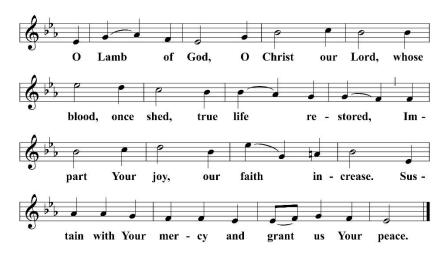
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation through the saving work of Jesus Christ, the true bread of life, who feeds us and strengthens us for our daily lives, who grants us good things, and who directs us in ways of peace. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your benediction now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name:



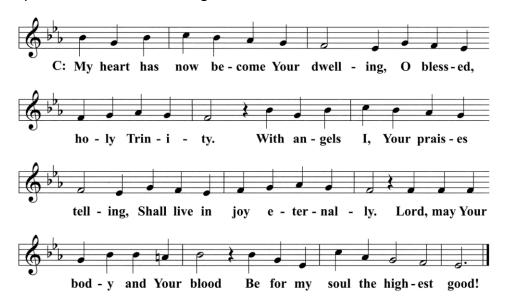
Words of Institution



Distribution Hymns: 618, 617.



P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



Benediction:

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

C: Amen.

Closing hymn 924: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Announcements

Thank you! We thank Professor John Ude for sharing the Gospel message with us today!

Upcoming Schedule:

10/13 Mission Festival Pastor Matthew Ude9:00 AM Presentation | 10:15 AM Service | No Bible Class or Sunday School

10/20 Pastor Luke Bernthal's Installation Pastor Mark Bernthal10:30 AM Service | No Bible Class or Sunday School | Brunch to follow

There's Still Time... If you would like to help at the parsonage there are still items to check off the list. You are welcome to walk over and see the progress of the projects. If you have questions see James, Fred, or Jordan.

Pantry Shower Please have your items for the Bernthal's in the kitchen by October 13.

Call News Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

2025 Mission Helper Trip Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip, so please apply early. Find more information at: https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/

Area Joint Reformation Service Sunday, October 27th at 4pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan. The Choir practices at 3:30pm and will be singing Foundations of Faith arranged by Joseph M. Martin. The Children's Hymn will be TLH 261, Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 37-38; 10/6 Philippians 3 Isaiah 39-40: 10/7 Philippians 4 Isaiah 41-42; 10/8 Colossians 1 Isaiah 43-44; 10/9 Colossians 2 Isaiah 45-47; 10/10 Colossians 3 Isaiah 48-49; 10/11 Colossians 4 Isaiah 50-52: 1 10/12 Thessalonians 1

SCAN FOR
ONLINE
OFFERING

October Ushers Cleaning Team 10/11-10/18 Jason Bailey Mark Whiting Ryan Braun Physical Street Stre

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$10,811.61	\$89,833.40
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$111,426.77
Over (Under) Budget:	\$2,240.32	(\$21,593.37)
Sunday School:	\$1.26	\$20.23
MDF:	\$30.00	\$270.00

*Includes September E-giving: \$5,556.61
Attendance Last Sunday: 107

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