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Worship:

- Saturday: 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*
- Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

- Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*
- Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Word Search:

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service [| - standing in respect; ⊔ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ⊞ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students’ schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

Pass It On

From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

In preparation for Proper 24 – October 18, 2020

Sometimes you hear that Christians want to rule. They want to run the government, this opinion says, perhaps all society.

Some self-identified Christians may think this way, but they are not following Jesus. He said, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:33).

In words to be read at our church service this Sunday, Jesus also said, “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21). Caesar demanded taxes. Generally, Rome required loyalty and obedience. Governments still do.

Jesus wanted government to be government. One of the worst things the church could do would be to climb into Caesar’s seat, as it were. Governments deal in laws, compulsion, and punishments.

Much different was Jesus’ mission. He came to forgive. He gave His church “the message of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19).

People need to have a lot forgiven: not only overt crimes for which a government might put you in jail, but also actions that are quite legal yet still immoral. Jesus even came to forgive you for sinful thoughts that no government could read in your mind.

Jesus paid the price for the world's sin. "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17). When Jesus forgives, it lasts into eternity – unlike government pardons!

Still, God is Lord of all. His Law remains, even if people disregard it. So the church proclaims, for example, that: same-sex marriage is not really marriage, abortion is murder, and homosexual acts are sinful. It says these things also to government officials. Christians are not alone in recognizing God's Law about these matters.

Anyway, the church's mission is to reach out to sinners, calling them to turn. Through the Gospel, the church brings them Jesus the Savior.

WORSHIP FOLDER

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 24

Faithful Confession and Conviction

October 17 & 18, 2020

As We Gather

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.



Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

Opening Hymn "Before You, Lord, We Bow" LSB 966

- 1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
 Our God who reigns above
 And rules the world below,
 Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
 In joy and praise,
 Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

- 2 The nation You have blest
 May well Your love declare,

From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song!

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Opening Sentences Psalm 96:1–9

P Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

C **Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

C **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
 C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

- P The LORD is your keeper;
 the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
 C **I lift up my eyes to the hills.**
From where does my help come?
 P My help comes from the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.
 C **He will not let your foot be moved;**
he who keeps you will not slumber.
 P Behold, he who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
 C **The LORD will keep you from all evil;**
he will keep your life.
 P The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
 from this time forth and forevermore.
 C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 P The LORD is your keeper;
 the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading 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 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, ³I 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that 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.

⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

P ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

C ²**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

P ³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

C ⁴**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

P ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

C ⁶**Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

P ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

C ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Epistle 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 give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 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 loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They 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.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” *LSB 851*

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,

“Give as I have giv’n to you”?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

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Sermon “*We Heard About You Christians*” *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

Introduction:

People will make this comment. They are a good Christian person. And if I know the person I will agree. This comment is most often based on what that person has said or done. And that is okay.

I. By the Works of Faith

For the Word of God, that is, the gospel of Jesus Christ, does affect our speech and our actions. Paul even points this out in the letter to the Christians in Thessalonica. He had heard from other Christians about the work that was being done among them. He had heard how they were faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He had heard how they had their hope in Christ. How they labored for the gospel sake. He even mentioned how they were examples for others in Christian living and service.

The effect of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives does shine through. There is the love of God that comes through us as we show our love and concern for others. There is the mercy that we show to others as God’s mercy works through us. There is the willingness to forgive others as God has forgiven us. There is the longsuffering [*I enjoy this word more so than the word, patience*] that we practice with each other demonstrating the longsuffering God practices with us in our daily lives.

All this is good. The Gospel of Jesus Christ even encourages us to do more than what is expected of us. It moves to go the extra mile. It moves us to sacrifice for others as Christ has sacrificed for us.

II. Turning us to God

And this something you and I know. This gospel of Jesus Christ has turned us away from idols to the true living God and our Savior Jesus Christ. It has taken us away from relying on ourselves for our salvation. It has made us reject any attempts on our part to appear righteous

in the sight of God. It has moved us away from false earthly philosophies and manmade religions.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has moved us to look to the heavenly Father who raised Jesus from the dead. It moves us to understand and trust that by raising Jesus from the dead, the Father accepted Christ's sacrifice as full payment for our sins.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to strengthen us to trust that we have been saved from the coming wrath of God. It is the Holy Spirit's work through the gospel of Jesus Christ to create such a faith and trust in Christ. It is His life, His death and His resurrection that has saved us and given us life now and for eternity.

Conclusion:

When people say to me that this person we know is a fine Christian. I think to myself, yes. Their words and actions show it. But I have heard their confession of faith in Christ and with that I reply, "They certainly are."

T AMEN T

Apostles' Creed

**C 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, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [*especially* . . .]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offertory *LSB 159*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Hymns

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” *LSB 554*

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful!
O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable,
In whom all joys are found:

- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts,
Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs,
Then kindles love divine.

- 3 O Jesus, light of all below,
The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire:

- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name,
Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame
To seek You more and more!

- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless,
May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express
The image of Your own!

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *LSB 802*

- 1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,

Most blessèd, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,
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 changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

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Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" *LSB 830*

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
 Spoken, written, mighty Word;
 Ev'rywhere His creatures call
 To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
 Made the world, upholds it still,
 How His own dear Son He gave
 Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
 Who, to save our human race
 And to pay rebellion's price,
 Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
 Now to guide us on to heav'n,
 Strong and holy, just and true,
 Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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TAXES FOR CAESAR

Luke 20:25

He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

