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20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 10, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

The First Reading is from the 5th chapter of Amos.

⁶Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 90: 12-17 (Please read responsively)

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4: 12-16

The Second Reading is from the 4th chapter of Hebrews.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL: Mark 10: 17-31

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to

one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE CHILDRENS’ SERMON

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tow’r,
Raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor vail, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and though only, the first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS

Response to: “Lord, in your mercy” **Hear our prayer.**

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The Holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone,
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.

SENDING

Go in peace, the Living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Outdoor Worship! Worship begins at **10:30 am** each Sunday. If you are more comfortable staying in your car, you are welcome to "drive-in" to participate in worship. **Masks are optional for outdoor services;** however, we ask that you observe social distancing. You will receive a ‘Worship Bag’ containing a bulletin, Communion elements & everything needed for Worship. **Offering Reminder:** White “Offering Buckets” can be found on the small stands at each end of the picnic pavilion. Please remember to place your offerings there. Thank you!

In case of rain, Worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing when indoors.** The Service will also be available in the basement via video stream.

We plan to continue to worship outside in the grove as long as the weather allows us to. When we do move worship inside due to the weather, **we will be masking and social distancing** due to the current COVID situation in our area. The Service will be available in the basement via video stream. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility.

Reading today's lessons is Loretta Aurand.

Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 11th at 7:00 pm** in person and via *Zoom*.

Prayer Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm**.

October Newsletters were emailed to those with email addresses and those without email had hard copies mailed to them. If you do not receive your newsletter by sometime this week, please contact the Secretary. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS to Jane Korbar for her hard work and talent in putting together an updated Salem Directory, complete with pictures! She has been handing-out hard copies of the Directory or sending it via email. If you haven't received a copy but would like one, please contact Jane (jkorbar@verizon.net) or Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com) and they can email you a copy or provide you with a printed copy. Thank you for your hard work and time, Jane!

Upcoming Spring Service Project!

We will be in need of **5-gallon buckets with lids**. If you have access to empty buckets through work or a hobby, please save them for us! Watch future bulletins and newsletters for more information on this Service Project that will be coming in the Spring!

