

October 18, 2020
Lectionary 29—20th Sunday after Pentecost
St. James Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C Amen.**

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

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.**





1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-13

- A ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- C ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- A ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- C ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- A ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- C ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- A ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- C ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- A ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- C ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peoples with equity."**
- A ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- C ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**
- A ¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

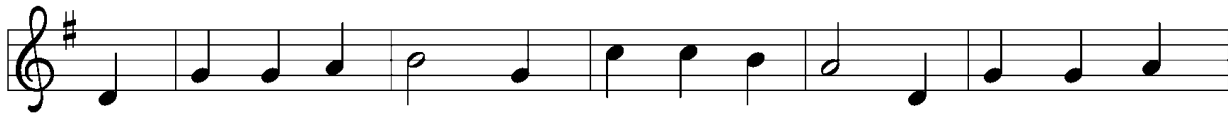
¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with 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.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Rick Biedermann



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Apostle's Creed

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come 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.

Prayers of Intercession

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 justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. 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.**

Prayers: especially...

Bruce Steinke and Bill Tumm as well as those we name aloud or in our hearts.

P God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy... **C hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P God of healing, we pray for our nation and the world during this time of pandemic. Protect the most vulnerable among us, and all who are currently sick or in isolation and health care workers, as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. We pray for those working to find a vaccine. Give us courage to face this time with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; 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. 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.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

Offering

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Holy Communion

"The body of Christ given for you."..... " The blood of Christ shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray.

**C We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

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

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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- **ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** – On All Saints Sunday, November 1st, it has been our tradition at SJT to read the names of those dear to us that have passed away in the last 3 years. To submit a name (or names) to be read during worship, please follow the link below or call Laurel at 715-828-5596. Submissions need to be received by October 26th.
<https://forms.gle/fxtBFkcgQqP13G138>