

Sunday, October 4th – 10:00 a.m.
18th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel captures the essence of the law in the reading from Deuteronomy. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.

PRELUDES

"Tannenberg- Prelude No. 21 in B-flat Major"
"Thanks Be to God"
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

J.S..Bach
G.F. Handel
A. Mason

Pastor says Good Morning and Welcome

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: Have mercy on us.

C: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God in Heaven

Sung by Barbara Grubb

C: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all Creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

The God of the exodus graciously gave Israel the Ten Commandments. Primarily stated as negative imperatives, the Ten Commandments forbid gross sins such as murder, adultery, theft, and perjury. In most of life they grant Israel freedom to live righteously, with maximum love for God and neighbor.

R: A reading from the 20th chapter of the book of Exodus:

R: ¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. ¹⁸When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." ²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

R: We will read St. Francis of Assisi's Canticle of Creation Responsively

R: O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor and all blessing.

C: Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation and especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

R: Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens.

C: Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

R: Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure.

C: Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong.

R: Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colors.

C: Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown.

R: Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face.

C: I praise and bless you, Lord, and I give thanks to you, and I will serve you in all humility.

-- St. Francis of Assisi

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Sung)

Sung by Barbara Grubb

C: Alleluia! Lord and savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mathew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22st chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord

P: ³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet" '?

⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

VIDEO CLIP

SPECIAL MUSIC – Barbara Grubb “*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*” Adapted by Sebastian Temple
Accompanied by Lori Hoshaw on Piano
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SERMON

by Pastor Tina Mackie

A: Let us profess our Faith with the Apostle’s Creed

APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers

A: Francis cared fervently for the church, the earth and its animals, peace, and the poor.

(A brief silence)

A: God most high, we pray for the church: for our bishop, our pastors and deacons, and our own congregation; for the ministry of Pope Francis; for the work of Franciscan friars and sisters; and for churches that are struggling with few resources

(A brief silence)

That all the baptized may produce good fruit, sowing faith where there is doubt, we pray to you,
O God our Redeemer: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

A: We pray for the earth and its animals: for farmlands; for animals whose habitat is threatened; for livestock; for all the animals that we raise for human use; for service animals; and for our dear pets.

(A brief silence)

That the earth may be sustained with your care, and that we will sow joy where there is sadness, we pray to you,
O God our Creator: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers**

A: We pray for peace: between nations; in our cities; among political rivals; throughout our coming election; between generations; between long-time citizens and new immigrants; in our churches and in our homes.

(A brief silence)

That we may become instruments of your peace, sowing union where there is discord, we pray to you,
O God, our Peacemaker: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

A: We pray for those who are poor: for those who are unemployed; for migrants; for those who are marginalized by prejudice; for orphans; for school children with no digital access.

(A brief silence)

That we may give assistance where there is poverty and need, we pray to you,
O God our Provider: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

A: We pray for all who are suffering: for those laid low by the coronavirus; for those who like Francis have painful eye disease; for those living with anxiety; for those whose sorrow is known only to you; for those who will die this day; and for those whose names we call out to you here:

(Please read only 1st Name and Congregation can read with AM instead of Echoing)

**Jim Albright, Trace Els, Virgil Emswiler, Ralph Finkbiner, Kelly Gubanich, Sean Murtha and
Kenneth Siedlecki**

(A brief silence)

That we may sow hope where there is despair, we pray to you,
O God our Comforter: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

P: We pray, finally for ourselves and Zion. Strengthen our faith in Christ, and hear our personal petitions.

(prayers from your heart for those you care about)

(A longer period of silence)

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Kenneth Bauer, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Judi Geri, Robert Hindle, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Dottie Jacques, Rich Kleylein, Ryan Law, Mary Lesh, Cindy Levengood, Ellen Levy-Gray, Jay Markwart, James Newson, Diane Pannella, Jennifer Paris, Judi Rittenhouse, Brookelyn Rogers, Lynn Schmitt, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, Vicki Walker, Luke Walton, and Greg Wicker,

(A brief silence)

That we may sow pardon where there is injury and love where there has been hatred, we pray to you,
O God our Healer: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

P: We praise you, God most high, for all the faithful who have gone before us into the fullness of your life, especially this week the Lutheran pastors Theodor Fliedner and Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg.

(A brief silence)

That at our end, where there is darkness, we will join in your light forever, we pray to you,
O God, Eternal One: **C: In mercy, receive our prayers.**

P: Enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, as we trust in your salvation through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another

(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)

OFFERING

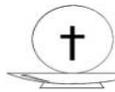
“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.” – Matthew 21:43

Ouch! Jesus’ words, directed at the Pharisees who constantly test him, point to the importance of bearing fruit. God promises an abundant harvest with more than enough to share, but we must do our part to cultivate, nurture, and bring to fullness all the bountiful gifts of God, both in our own lives and in the Body of Christ.

If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website; zionofspringcity.org and make your contribution there.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: “Amen” or “I believe.” (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

Sung by Barbara Grub

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath. **C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness; through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of

exile, into the future.

C: We bless you, O Lord.

P: We give you thanks for your Son: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C: Amen

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast. **C: Amen.**

SHARING IN COMMUNION -

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

C: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious blood, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

THE SENDING HYMN

We Are Called

"We Are Called"

Sung by Barbara Grubb

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

