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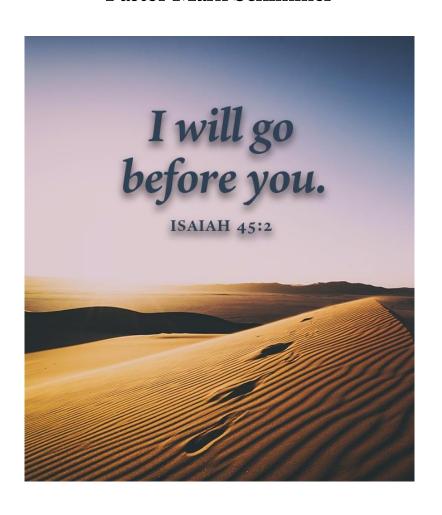
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October 18, 2020

10:30 AM

Zion Lutheran Church, Priddy TX

Pastor Mark Schimmel



Greeting & Announcements

Invocation and Confession

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 + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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.

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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen



- 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.







Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus 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 The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-13

¹Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

⁴For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the

²Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

Lord who made the heavens.

⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

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.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Second Reading: 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 The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle {Jesus} in his words. 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.

Sermon

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



The Apostles' Creed

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 and born of the virgin Mary. He 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

Prayer of the Church

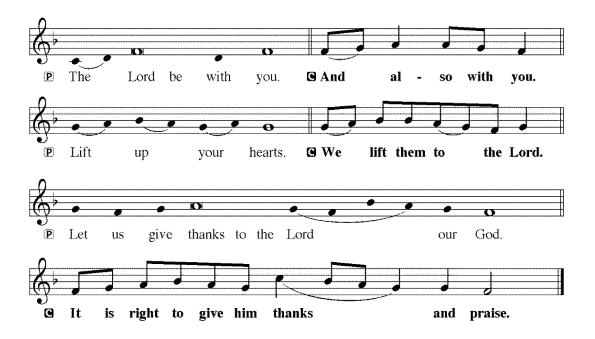
P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

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The Exhortation

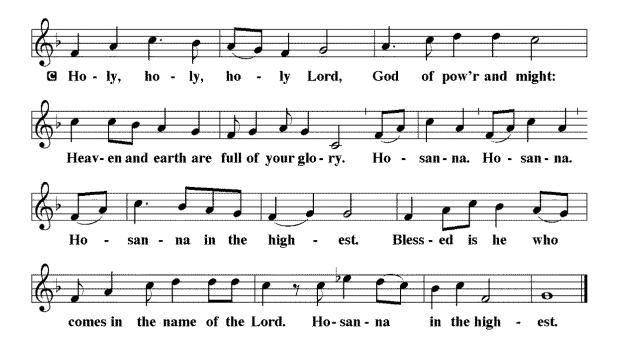
As we describe in the Exhortation - as a church of the Lutheran Confessions - we believe, teach, and confess, that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine. All the baptized who understand they are sinners in need of forgiveness and who believe, as Christ's words clearly state, "This is my body", "this is my blood", and understand that Christ offered himself as a sacrifice for sin once for all – as his words say; "for you, for the

forgiveness of sin" - are welcome to the Lord's Table. Those who have not yet received instruction are welcome to come for a blessing.



P: It is indeed right and salutary ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



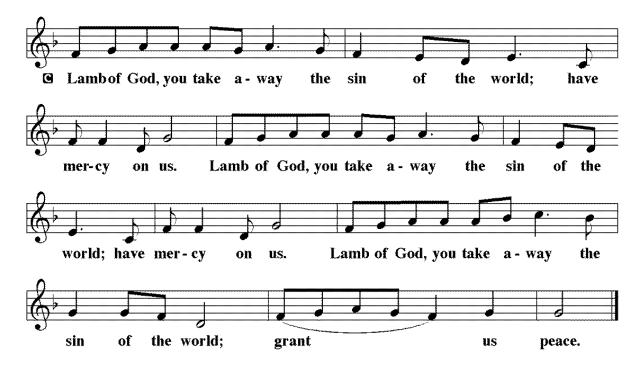
The Words of Institution

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



Distribution of Communion

The Benediction

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 + give you peace.

C: Amen



Offerings may be dropped in the bucket held by the usher on your way out.

Prayer Concerns:

Ruth Witzsche, Nell Helmcamp, Melvin Eilers, Jr., Earnest Scherp, Christian Doll, Troy Mauldin, Harold Kreuger, Stephanie Krueger Hamann, Christy Wells, Ruth Schwartz, Debbie Tiemann, Travis Tiemann, Neil Muxworthy, Ruth Heitman, Craig Smith, Pastor Kingman, Ann Kunze, Fred Hartley, Melanie Bartek, Harriet Fischer, Roberta Stegemoller, Caroline Martin, Jennifer Heubner, Marci Kirscht, Ruth Wossilus, Ethel Schoen, Marilyn Weaver, Gladys Struempler, Julia Pax, Victor & Elnora Limmer

Announcement

Adaline Bufe will be celebrating her 90th birthday Tuesday, October 27, 2020. If you feel inclined, please help her family make this day even more special by mailing Adaline a card or a note. Thank you so very much!

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