

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 am

October 18, 2020



A Setback for a Setup

AS WE GATHER

Countless times during Christ's mission in human flesh for the sins of the world, the Pharisees and others tried to **test, trap, and trick** Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead turn those times into a setup for teaching about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who has set us up for forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising. Rejoicing in His grace, in response to His love, we faithfully, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

WELCOME – Pastor

RINGING OF THE BELL

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior
 Lord, there is none like You.
 All of my days, I want to praise
 The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
 Tower of refuge and strength.
 Let every breath, all that I am
 Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us
 sing
 Power and majesty, praise to the King!
 Mountains bow down and the seas will
 roar
 At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
 Nothing compares to the promise I have
 in You
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 in You

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 96:9, 13b*

Pastor: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
People: tremble before Him, all the earth!

Pastor: He will judge the world in righteousness,
People: and the peoples in His faithfulness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:5; 124:8*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. Through Christ alone, we have gained access to God's redemptive grace by which we now stand.

People: Amen.

Lord I Need You / Chorus

Lord I need You, Lord I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, the protector of all who trust in You,

People: 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;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 45:1–7* *(The Lord tells King Cyrus He will use him for the sake of Israel.)*

This is what the Lord says to Cyrus, his anointed one,
whose right hand he will empower.

Before him, mighty kings will be paralyzed with fear.

Their fortress gates will be opened,
never to shut again.

² This is what the Lord says:

"I will go before you, Cyrus,
and level the mountains.

I will smash down gates of bronze
and cut through bars of iron.

³ And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness—
secret riches.

I will do this so you may know that I am the Lord,
the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name.

⁴ "And why have I called you for this work?

Why did I call you by name when you did not know me?

It is for the sake of Jacob my servant,
Israel my chosen one.

⁵ I am the Lord;
 there is no other God.
 I have equipped you for battle,
 though you don't even know me,
⁶ so all the world from east to west
 will know there is no other God.
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I create the light and make the darkness.
 I send good times and bad times.
 I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (Paul commends the Thessalonians for spreading the Gospel.)*

This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God give you grace and peace.

The Faith of the Thessalonian Believers

² We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ³ As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. ⁵ For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you

full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you. ⁶ So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. ⁷ As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

⁸ And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, ⁹ for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. ¹⁰ And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15–22* (Jesus teaches about rendering civil authorities their due.)

Elder: ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees met together to plot how to trap Jesus into saying something for which he could be arrested. ¹⁶ They sent some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to meet with him. "Teacher," they said, "we know how honest you are. You teach the way of God truthfully. You are impartial and don't play favorites. ¹⁷ Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

People: ¹⁸ But Jesus knew their evil motives. "You hypocrites!" he said. "Why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Here, show me the coin used for the tax."

Elder: When they handed him a Roman coin, ²⁰ he asked, "Whose picture and title are stamped on it?" ²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

People: “Well, then,” he said, “give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God.”

Elder: ²² His reply amazed them, and they went away.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



THE APOSTLES CREED

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 everlasting. Amen.

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess
 Bowing here I find my rest
 And without You
 I fall apart
 You're the One
 that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep
 Your grace is more
 Where grace is found
 is where You are

And where You are,
 Lord, I am free
 Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You

Bridge

So, Teach my song to rise to You
 When temptation comes my way
 And when I cannot stand
 I'll fall on You
 Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
 Every hour I need You
 My one defense,
 my righteousness
 Oh God, how I need You (2x)

MESSAGE – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

*The question is not what is Caesar's and what is God's. It's all God's, the question is, **are you giving back to God** what is truly His.*

How do we know what belongs to God? What bears His image? A coin may bear the image of president. But you and I bear the image of God. What image do others see in you as you live out each day?

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: The psalm appointed for this day is Psalm 96. We read it responsively as we bring our requests to our heavenly Father.

**People: Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Protect and guide Your Church around the world, Lord Jesus, so that the news of salvation is preached in freedom and joy. Open the ears of all who hear it to respond in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

**Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.**

Pastor: Provide just and peace-loving leaders among the nations of the world, heavenly Father, so that justice may prevail for all people within their borders and peace may break out across them. Protect and guide military deployed and police at home to maintain calm and security. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, unite in love each family gathered here and all who call out to You around the world. Bless parents and children and their extended caring circles. Hear our prayers for those near and dear to us in their various circumstances, [*especially . . .*]. Give them relief, health, and comfort as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

**Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
 tremble before Him, all the earth!
 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
 Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
 He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Pastor: Almighty Father, so order society that justice tempered with compassion will provide for the lowly and forgotten, the poor and the frail. Use police and medical personnel, advocates and social workers, to give them protection, dignity, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

**Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
 let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Pastor: Open our hearts and hands, our spirits, and voices to join all creation in praising Your name, O holy blessed Trinity. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
 before the Lord, for He comes,
 for He comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world in righteousness,
 and the peoples in His faithfulness.**

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, grant to us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

People: Amen.



OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering plates you will find at the front of the church or in the main hallway. **Thank you.**

St. Paul appreciates the continued support of those worshipping with us online and in person as we each help in sharing the amazing love of Jesus!

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please see our communion policy stated on the inside front cover.

COMMUNION WINE: For those who may not be able to take regular wine, we offer non-alcoholic wine. The non-alcoholic wine is the light colored wine in the center of the communion tray.

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion,
 Love that's never failing;
 Let mercy fall on me.
 Everyone needs forgiveness,
 The kindness of a Savior;
 The Hope of nations.

Savior, He can
 move the mountains,
 My God is Mighty to save,
 He is Mighty to save.
 Forever, Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.

Take me as you find me,
 All my fears
 and failures,
 Fill my life again.
 I give my life to follow.
 Everything I
 believe in,
 Now I surrender.

Savior, He can
 move the mountains,
 My God is Mighty to save,
 He is Mighty to save.

Forever, Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.

Shine Your light and
 Let the whole world see,
 We're singing for the glory Of the risen
 King...Jesus

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Forever, Author of salvation,
 He rose and conquered the grave,
 Jesus conquered the grave.

We Fall Down

We fall down,
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus.

The greatness of
Mercy and love;
At the feet of Jesus.

We cry holy, holy, holy.
We cry holy, holy, holy.
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the Lamb

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At the feet of Jesus.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God—bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

All God's People Said Amen

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love
 never ends
 And all God's people said amen

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
 When you feel afraid you're not the
 only
 We are all the same in need of mercy
 To be forgiven and be free
 It's all you got to lean on
 But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love
 never ends
 And all God's people said amen

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't
 matter
 Weak or strong you know love is what
 we're after
 We're all broken but we're all in this
 together
 God knows we stumble and fall
 And He so loved the world
 He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
 And all God's people said amen
 Give thanks to the Lord for His love
 never ends
 And all God's people said amen

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are
 torn apart
 Blessed are the persecuted and the
 pure in heart
 Blessed are the people hungry for
 another start
 For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom
 of God

Chorus

And all God's people said amen whoa
And all God's people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love
never ends
And all God's people said amen (2X)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

May We Help You? Anyone who desires special private prayer with the Pastor may do so by remaining in the sanctuary until all worshippers have departed. At that time, come forward and speak with the Pastor.

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WHERE WE SERVE

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>	
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>	
<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>	
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Janean Potter</i>	
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>	
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Dave Tischler</i>	<i>Shibu George</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Kovalak Family</i>	
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Doug Towner</i>	
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Patrick Baker</i>	
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Craig Miller</i>	



Attendance Last week :

Sunday 10.11.2020 – 8:30am - 84

11:00am - 45 = 132

Communion - 57

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities –

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church
Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every second and fourth Saturday @ 9:30am – Parish Hall.

Today's flowers are:

In memory and honor of the birthdays of my husband Mitch and son Kris from Arlene Kurzawa.



10.11.2020 One vase in honor of my daughter Brooke's Birthday from Jean Peedle.

10.11.2020 One vase in memory of my husband Othal (Bim) from Bernice Baggett.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am Sunday Service.

18	OCT, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Confirmation Class Room #3 School
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship w/ Communion
		● 12 – 7pm	Gail Horalek-gym
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	AA Mtg church parish hall
19	OCT, MON	● 6:30 – 8pm	Newcomer Group church parish hall
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg room #4 school
21	OCT, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study church parish hall
		● 5 – 9pm	Family of God Mission Dinner 7354 Whittaker St
		● 6:30 – 8pm	Coach V -Basketball-Gym GYM
22	OCT, THU	● 6 – 8pm	SCOUTS- Norton-GYM gym
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Handbells choir loft
23	OCT, FRI	● 6 – 8pm	Coach V- Always Basketball gym
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
24	OCT, SAT	● 9:30 – 11am	Men's Bible Study parish hall
		● 2 – 3pm	Coach V- Always Basketball

Donations needed each week for Church and School – \$9,808

Received week of 10.11.2020 for Church (Envelopes plus loose plate)\$10,946 *total includes online giving
School Income - \$551*



Remember Our Shut-Ins

Beth Young
 40200 Stoneleigh
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DISASTER RELIEF - If you would like to help with our fellow Lutheran's who have suffered from the devastating windstorm in the midwest this summer, the hurricanes and floods in the south or the fires in the west - please make your financial contributions now. Funds are needed by LERT (Lutheran Early Relief Teams) who are on-site now with cleanup and restoration efforts of many of our brothers and sisters in those communities. **You can give by check, make your donation payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (or LCMS). On the memo line indicate your desire for how the gift is used (e.g. LERT, general disaster relief, windstorm relief, hurricane relief, wildfire relief, flood relief etc.).** Mail to: The LCMS, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. To donate by telephone call 1-888-930-4438 (Monday through Friday 8:00 - 4:30 CST.) Online at www.lcms.org/give/disater.

Another Family of God meal is done! Thank you to all our casserole makers, salad builders, roll and butter suppliers, fresh fruit deliverers, beverage supplier, dessert makers, silverware donators and servers, 20 volunteers total. Barbara drove and we met Rita and Kevin Simmerman there and they served for the first time. They were naturals, friendly and fun; it was a joy serving with them. We served around 60 men and women at the mission, it was a buzz with all the social conversations and interactions, like old times. We also prepared 15 to-go meals. We stayed and enjoyed a combined (men & women) Bible study led by Ron. Ron a serviceman serving the Army National Guard shared from his heart, being very open and vulnerable. Thank you all for your support of this mission, we could not do what we do with out you. Blessings.

For the month of October, Women in Christ would like to highlight LWML Grant 2, Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op for Food, for \$10,000. Our future pastors and church leaders are the key to the future of the church. The cost of an education for an individual attending one of our theological seminaries can range from \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year. The Food and Clothing Cooperative provides critical support for these future leaders and their families by providing perishable and non-perishable food items at a lower cost than grocery stores.

Please bring your filled MITE boxes to church during October, as this is one of four months in which we collect MITES.

Prayer: Dear Lord, please bless our future church leaders and bless our MITE offerings that they may provide the support that enables them to serve. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.



The Board of Evangelism will be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year, October 31 from 6:00-8:00. We will enjoy an abbreviated version, with as many trunks as you supply so come and decorate your trunk in the parking lot of St Paul and prepare for those amazing little trick or treaters. Ideas for decorating can be found on the internet, just Google trunk or treat decorations. We also will be collecting candy for all our volunteer trunkers to hand out. There will be no dinner or gift basket give away this year. Candy can be

deposited in the box in the church. Thank you for your support, we hope to see you in the parking lot if we can tell who you are.....



Wednesday, November 11, the nation honors all veterans and victims of all wars. On Sunday, November 8, we will be honoring all members of St. Paul who have served our country in war and in peace. Please send us your veteran's name, branch of service and years served for a special recognition. This includes the names of veteran's who have gone before us, by NOON on Friday, October 25. SEND INFO TO: Ruth Fisher at RTFNovi@gmail.com. We will also have a picture board. So, if possible, please send us a current picture or perhaps a picture in uniform or whatever you feel would be appropriate. If you have no means of getting a picture to us via computer, please feel free to drop at the office.



"The MORE You Know..."

Newcomer Group is beginning soon! A new group will meet on Monday evenings **October 12th, 19th & 26th at 6:30 pm** in the church Parish Hall. This group will explore the unique, unequalled story of how God's remarkable love gives direction and meaning to your life, today and forever. Whether you are new to our school or church, or looking to learn more about our biblical beliefs, this open discussion group is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the **foundations of the Christian faith**.

Please call the church office to register! 248-349-3140 ext. 10 -- All are welcome!

If you are looking to join St. Paul Lutheran Church, **THIS IS THE GROUP FOR YOU!**



Note: We will offer distancing to allow each family to have their own table, and will discuss the use of face masks at the first meeting.

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Another Way Pregnancy Center is hosting a Virtual Banquet on Thursday, October 8th at 7:00pm. This is an major fundraiser for the organization whose mission is to provide support to men and women through pregnancy and the first year of the baby's life. They offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, pregnancy options counseling, parenting support programs, sexual health and relationship education. Here are the Top Five reasons you should participate: 5. You can watch in you PJ's; 4. You don't have to hire a babysitter; 3. You don't have to dress up; 2. You can donate from the comfort of your sofa; And the number one reason is - You will help us save babies! To learn more & to register for our exciting Virtual Fall Banquet, visit <http://awpcevents.org>. Please consider supporting AWPC, one of St. Paul's major community outreach projects.

The board of Social Ministry will be sending out "care packages" again this year to Collage Students and Military that you believe would appreciate receiving same. Consequently, we need the names and addresses of these people. Please get names and addresses to Ruth Fisher: RTFNovi@gmail.com or 248-231-1315, (you may text), **by October 26**. We will also have a basket in the church hall ready to receive items to be donated that we might send in these packages: pens, popcorn, dental items, tissue, hard candy, gum, etc.
