

# Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 2016

For the **WAGES**  
*OF SIN* is **DEATH**  
But the **GIFT** *OF*  
**GOD** is Eternal  
**LIFE** through  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
*our Lord*

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HYMN— #226—*To Your Temple I Draw Near*

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy on us.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3. The lyrics 'Christ, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

# GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.

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You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -  
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BE SEATED

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, LORD, the God of

our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup> Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. <sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. <sup>15</sup> We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup> LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup> LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27



Refrain

Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;\*  
 be merciful to me and answer me.  
 Do not hide your face from me,\*  
 do not turn your servant away in anger;  
 you have been my helper.  
 Do not reject me or forsake me,\*  
 O God my Savior.

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,\*  
 the LORD will receive me.  
 I am still confident of this:\*  
 I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.  
 Wait for the LORD;\*  
 be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:15-23 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>**Don't you know** that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup>I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12 cf. RSV)

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10 (NIV)

Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? <sup>8</sup> Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
 and became fully human.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY—#181—*Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit*

SERMON (*sermon text Romans 6:15-23*)

*"A Slavery For Which You Can Be Thankful"*

STAND

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a  
 pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
 in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er.  
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

*Agnus Dei*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of seven lines of music. The first line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of". The second line continues the melody with lyrics: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The third line continues with lyrics: "mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of". The fourth line continues with lyrics: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The fifth line continues with lyrics: "mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of". The sixth line continues with lyrics: "God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The seventh line concludes with lyrics: "grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and bar lines.

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Anc. Dittis*

In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BE SEATED

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—**

HYMN #310—*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table*

STAND

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN — #456—*Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go*

# News And Notes

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## WELCOME!

Welcome to worship! We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us today. Guests, if there is anything we can do to make your worship more meaningful, please do not hesitate to ask us. Pastor, the ushers, and all members of our Bethany family stand ready to serve you. May the Lord bless your worship!

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

A special "thank you" to those who served their Lord by serving us this morning, our violinists, our organist, and our ushers. Thank you for edifying and beautifying our worship with your service.

## WELS SCHOOL OF OUTREACH OCT 15th IN STRONGSVILLE, OH — WE ARE GOING — LAST CALL TO SIGN UP

Pastor Kluender has mailed in the registration form & payment for the WELS Evangelism School of Outreach to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, October 15th. It is a two hour drive to Strongsville, and the program runs from 8:30 AM (registration) until 2:45 PM, so we would want to leave Bethany by no later than 6:30 AM, and we would be back by supper time. At this point, 5 people besides pastor have indicated an interest in going. Pastor would love for even more to make the decision to go, and there is still time to decide to go. Please tell Pastor Kluender if you will join him so we can figure out travel arrangements that make sense. *WE NEED TO GIVE OUR FINAL COUNT FOR ATTENDEES TO THE ORGANIZERS BY END OF TOMORROW. THANKS!*

## AUGUST FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR BETHANY

In the month of August, total income from all sources (contributions, preschool, and interest) was \$14,208. Our weekly budget is \$2,540, and August was a four Sunday month, resulting in a \$4,048 surplus relative to budget. Actual expenses in August were \$10,913.18, for a income/expense surplus of \$3,295. Please note that these figures include a special \$5,000 offering to the preschool received during August.

## LAST WEEK'S WORSHIP

In Sunday's worship, 30 people were fed and strengthened by the Word of God.

# Our Walk For God

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY...

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
3	4 <i>7:00p Bible Study</i>	5	6	7 <i>7:30p Northern Regional Bible Study at Hamilton Home</i>	8 <i>8:30-10:00a Men's Book &amp; Fellowship Group</i>	9 <i>9:00a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30a Worship 12:10a Catechism</i>

*Serving next Sunday: Altar: Stadler; Greeter: Stadler; Ushers: Team D*