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You are welcome here.

Come join the journey.

October 18, 2020

Worship Service

10 a.m.

Welcome to worship today.

Welcome to this real live community of Faith, Christ Lutheran Church!

We hope that your virtual presence among us this morning will enliven your spirit.

We are glad and grateful to have you worshipping with us.

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears”

~ Nelson Mandela

Prelude

ORGAN SELECTION- *Trumpet Tune -- David German*

“Real Love” - sung by Nora Feather

This song is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son
from Luke 15:11–32

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your journey,
you are welcome here!

We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence

Chime

Silence

Prayer

Gathering Song

“In the Garden” - based on John 20: 1-18 Arranged by Lloyd Larson
Text by C. Austin Miles ***Sung by Carolyn Raudenbush and Kathie Jones***

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Reading: Romans 13:1-10 (NRSV)

Brenda Tarulli

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then

do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.

⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing.

⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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.

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

Message

Message Song

"Love Like This" - Lauren Daigle
Sung by Amy Kares Guitar, Gary Milla Keyboard, Steve Wysocki

Prayers

Enid Rank

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Let us begin with our own silent, personal prayers. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit to us, as we share your love in words and actions with everyone we meet.

All that we are and all that ever is, **belongs to you.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your mighty goodness. From the rising of the sun to its setting, we will show our love for you by protecting what you have created.

All that we are and all that ever is, **belongs to you.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Inspire world leaders to work together to restore divided nations and communities. Show us ways that we can take to bring about the peace and civility we long for in the world, in our country, in our community, and in our personal lives.

All that we are and all that ever is, **belongs to you.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt, (especially Jim, Mary Ann and Esther, Geoff Baer, Neil McCardle, Diane Voron, Timmy Henn, Jr., Andrea & Jerry, Kyle, Rod, Ruth, Linda, Rudy, Hugh, Joanne, Allison, Sean, Courtney, Lorraine, Kay, Cathy, Kristen, Dale Kichline, Lorane & Larry, Debbie Riegel, Wendy, Tony & Karen, Gene Heft, Molly, Carol Mitchell, Joe Kupsky, Teri, Patti Ruth, Doris Icove, Melissa, Donna B., Kathy Kunsman, Megan, Kathleen, Theresa Sherwin, Judy & Greg and Pearl.

Condolences to Angela Drake for the loss of her mother, Margaret Drake who passed away on October 14, 2020.

The Rev. Howard Weidemoyer in hospice care) and those we name in our hearts. *A brief silence.* Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you love them, care for them, and call them each by name.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law and government, so that your promise of fairness and justice will prevail. We will support those public servants that demonstrate those qualities.

All that we are and all that ever is, **belongs to you.**

Finally, and together,

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. Amen.

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.

Closing Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

sung by Carolyn Raudenbush and Kathie Jones

Benediction

Dismissal: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour