

TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2020

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*Sunday*

9:00 AM

Worship Service

Adult Bible Class

Sunday School

Holy Communion:

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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And He said to them,"

*"Render therefore to Caesar  
the things that are Caesar's,*

*& to **God** the things  
that are **God's**."*

-St. Matthew 22.21



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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - O God, as there is no other like You, help me to give to You the things that are Yours, that I serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in my earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER** - As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation in preparation for worship)

**OPENING HYMN**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

**LSB 940**

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,

All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

5

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

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## △ INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## △ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

## △ INTROIT *Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: v. 5*

P The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

C **I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help?**

P My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

C **He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.**

P Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

C **The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.**

P The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.

P The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

## △ KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## △ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## △ SALUTATION

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

## △ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1–7*

(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)

1 “Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: 2 ‘I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things.’

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 96:1–9 (10–13); antiphon: v. 9a*

P Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

**C Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

P Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.

**C Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.**

P For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

**C For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**

P Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

**C Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength.**

P Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

**C Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.**

P Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*(Children remain seated)*

## EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

(The Thessalonians’ faith and example)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, 3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, 4 knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. 5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also

in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. 8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves

declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15-22*

(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you

test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius.

20 And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?”

21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **NICENE CREED**

**All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

**LSB 523**

1 O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from You, dear Master,  
Received the gift divine;  
And still that light is lifted



O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
That, all life's voyage through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands  
Still guides, O Christ, to You.

- 3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,  
A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations  
Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims  
By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended,  
They see You face to face!

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**SERMON** *"True and Impartial \_\_\_\_\_"* (Matthew 22:16)

**OFFERING** **(Please place your offering in the offering plate as you leave.)**


**OFFERTORY** *Seek Ye First* **LSB 712**

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added onto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!

- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and y shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, Alleluia!

- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by eve'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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 **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *"Peace be with you"* (John 20:21)  
*{Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language)}*

 **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [especially . . .]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



### PREFACE

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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## △ SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## △ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

△ **LORD'S PRAYER**      (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

△ **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



# △ AGNUS DEI



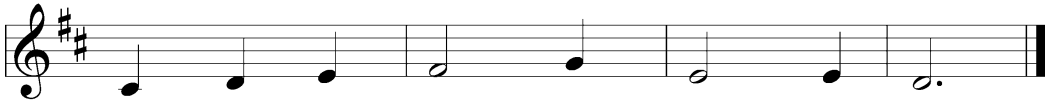
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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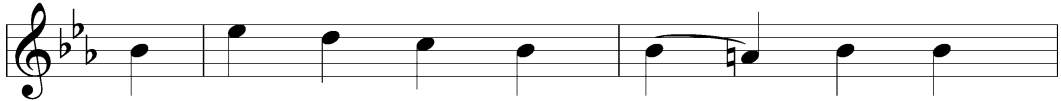
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## △ POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## △ BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

## △ 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. (Numbers 6:24–26)

C **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

**LSB 782**

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise. **Refrain**

**ref** Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. **Refrain**

3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
Offer love that never ends. **Refrain**



4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! **Refrain**

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**



# October

## Happy Birthday

### *Members*

- 4 Karen Philipsky
- 5 Chuey Galvan
- 6 Pastor Ed Weber
- 17 Dakota Bolding
- 21 Mary Lou Mann
- 23 Dan Wehling
- 23 Blanca Bishop
- 30 Tim Sorenson

### *Winter Texans*

- 16 Shirleen Wixon

### *Immanuel Lutheran School*

*None*

## Happy Anniversary

### *Members*

- 15 Bob & Loretta Eilers



*Faith*  
does not  
make things easy  
it makes them  
possible

Luke 1:37

## From Pastor's Desk

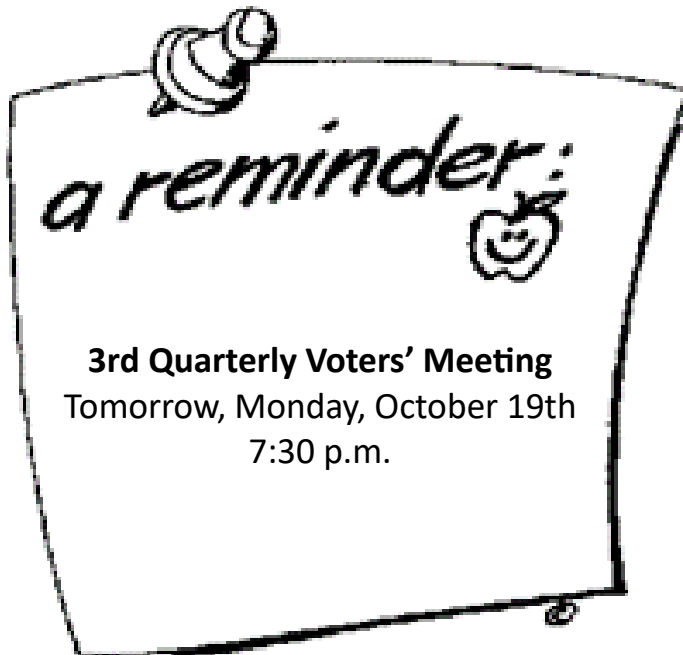
*Portals of Prayer* for October to December are available in the Narthrex or office.

### ***Memory Verse Challenge***

The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

***This week's memory verse: Romans 10:17***

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*



## We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

<b>10/11/2020</b>		<p><b><i>Reformation Day (observed)</i></b>  <b><i>Readings:</i></b></p> <p><i>Revelation 14:6-7</i>  <i>Psalm 46</i>  <i>Romans 3:19-28</i>  <i>John 8:31-36 or Matthew 11:12-19</i></p>
<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>22</b>	
Plate:	\$ 4.00	
Envelopes:	\$ 1,560.00	
Donation:		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,564.00</b>	
Bible Class:	<b>N/A</b>	N/A

<b>Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule</b>		
	<i>October Sunday Servants:</i>	<b>November’s Servants</b>
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Earl Neuhaus
Altar Guild:	Billie Jo Neuhaus & Maribel Perez	Loretta E. & Suzanne W.
Music:	Bonny Winston	
<b>This Week</b>	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
<b>Next Week</b>	Reformation Day (observed)	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am