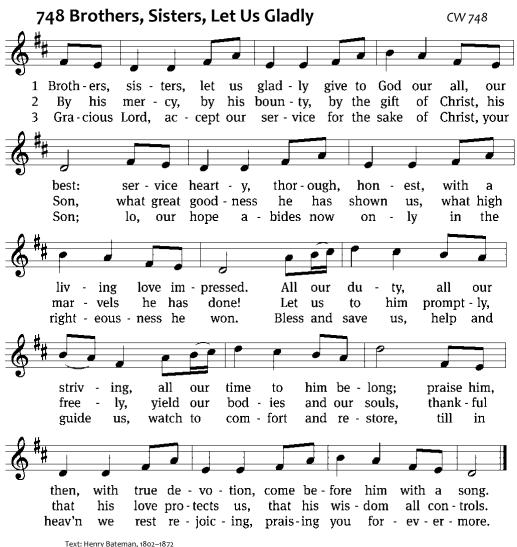


MATTHEW 20:28

Sunday, October 20, 2024 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MAKE SELFLESS SACRIFICES

"What's in it for me?" It's easy to look at life through the lens of that question, to make decisions based on perceived personal benefit. Perhaps at times we look at Christianity through that lens, wondering what we will gain from following Christ. "What's in it for me?" Jesus first disciples asked that question. They hoped that following Christ would bring prestige and honor. They assumed following Christ would make life easier. But it doesn't work like that. Followers of Christ are called to sacrifice for the well-being of others. "What's in it for me?" Everything! Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, followers of Christ have the peace of his forgiveness. Followers of Christ have the joy of meaningful purpose. Followers of Christ look forward to an eternity of glory in Christ's heavenly kingdom. In Spirit-wrought gratitude, followers of Christ make selfless sacrifices with joy.



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<u>The Service</u> Setting Three (p. 188)

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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<u>The Word</u>

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10–12

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the coming Messiah would make the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him

and to allow him to suffer.

Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,

and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand. "After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

He will provide satisfaction.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,

for he himself carried their guilt.

¹²Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken.

Yes, my soul, find / rest in God;

my hope / comes from him. Refrain

Though your rich- / es increase, do not set your / heart on them.
My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God; he is my mighty rock, my / refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you / people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:7–12,19–23

St. Paul shares his willingness to make great sacrifices in his effort to share the gospel of Christ.

⁷What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat some of its fruit? Or who takes care of a flock and does not drink milk from the flock? ⁸Am I saying this just from a human point of view? Doesn't the law also say this? ⁹Yes, it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain." Is God really concerned about oxen, ¹⁰or does he say this entirely for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in hope of getting a share. ¹¹If we sowed spiritual seed for your good, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you? ¹²If others have some right to make this claim on you, don't we even more? But we did not use this right. Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ.

¹⁹In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. ²¹To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²²To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:32–45

Mark 10:45

To disciples who sought glory and honor, Jesus taught that his followers would make selfless sacrifices for others just as he would be sacrificed for our sins.

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was leading them. The disciples were amazed, and the others who followed were afraid. He took the Twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him. ³³"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the experts in the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, "Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶He said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?"
 ³⁷They said to him, "Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory."

³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they replied.

Jesus told them, "You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. ⁴⁰But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John.

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

540 O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild



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Sermon - Mark 10:35-45

Godly Greatness . . .

- 1) Is not found in selfish ambition,
- 2) But in serving others as Jesus served us.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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,

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition*.] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

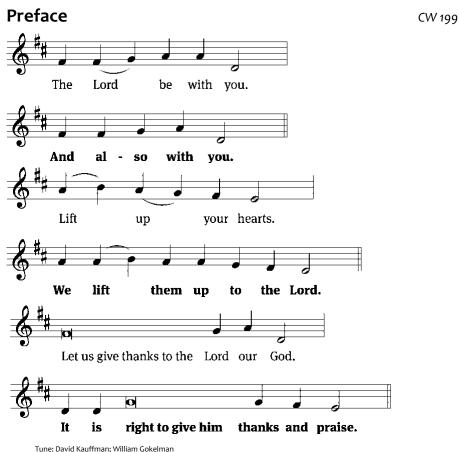
Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Sacrament



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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 until 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:



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

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 T 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 T 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. **Amen.**



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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your lovingkindness 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.

Amen.

Blessing

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners October 27 – Thomas // November 3 - Mark

Divine Word's Long Range Planning Meeting...

will be after worship on Sunday, October 27. All confirmed members (men and women) are encouraged to attend.

Divine Word's Anniversary Potluck...

will be on Sunday, November 3, coinciding with First Fellowship.



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DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR				
Su (20)	10:30 am 11:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class Worship (with Communion) Coffee Hour Worship in Poltimore		
Pastor will be at a conference from October 21 – 23. If you need to call him during this time, please use his US number (512) 887-8982				
Th (24)		Illumine (at St. Paul's) Youth Confirmation (W)		
Fr (25)	4:30 pm	Online Women's Bible Study: Romans Confirmation (D) Friday Fellowship		
Su (27)	10:30 am	Sunday School / Bible Class Worship Long Range Planning Meeting		
We (30)	•	Communicating Christ (BIC) "Test the Spirits" (BIC)		
Th (31)				
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Fr (1)	6:30 pm 3:00 pm			

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WELS CANADA 2024 AGM

The 2024 WELS Canada Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on Saturday, November 16 from 12:00 - 4:30pm EST.

Every pastor is expected to participate, as well as a lay delegate from each congregation. PSI students and vicars are also invited to attend. If you have not done so already, please set aside this time and secure your congregational representatives.

A fuller agenda is forthcoming, but you can expect important updates from your Board of Directors and Mission Board regarding the budget, new grant proposals, mission updates, etc... There are also several elections to consider; no positions on the Mission Board are up for (re-)election this year but there are 4 on the Board of Directors.

NEW IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT

For those congregations that are still working through various aspects of immigration for their pastor, we have enlisted the help of a new immigration consultant - Kevin Zemp with the Zemp Law Group in Calgary, AB. If you have immigration questions, I would be happy to connect you.

NEW WELS PASTOR IN KELOWNA

And finally, I am delighted to report that we have a new WELS pastor joining our fellowship in Kelowna, BC. Rev. Steve Wiebe's request for colloquy was officially accepted in early October. Welcome, Pastor Wiebe!

In Him, Pete Metzger President, WELS Canada