

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

235 Pond Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492

Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Hass

Organist: Sandy Mehinovic

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The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 17 & 18, 2020

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Welcome

We gather as one body, with Christ as the head. Each of you brings unique abilities and contributions to our worship and ministry. Thank you for being here, and welcome.

Prayer Before Worship

Jesus, You told the Pharisees to "give ... to God what is God's" (Matthew 22:21, NIV). Show me how to give my whole self to You, for I am Yours. Amen.

The Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ian and Jackie Sancho in honor of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

The Eternal Light

The Eternal Light is lit this week by the Rowold and Leary families in memory of the Rev. Michael Rowold on his birthday.

Theme: "The Value of Image"

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 human beings — 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).



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OUR WORSHIP TO THE LORD

We are now encouraging people to worship with us in our Sanctuary with Holy Communion. Our Sanctuary is large enough to accommodate us while maintaining a social distance. We will also continue with outdoor worship in the parking lot and with lawn chairs near the gazebo when there is no Communion. If the weather is questionable, we may set up by the church front doors - people can sit under the portico, chestnut trees, or in their cars in the church driveway.

Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Outdoors

Liturgy & Hymns: Insert

Sunday at 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion

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