

Lutheran Church of the Cross
Online Worship Service – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2020

Today's Worship Outline

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: "Mighty to Save" Morgan/Fielding

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Sacrament of Baptism (Sunday 9am)
Bentley Andrew Alcalay

Bible Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Matthew 16:21-27

Message by Pastor Leland Lantz:

"The Meaning of the Cross"

Prayers of God's People

Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Offering Prayer

Preparation for Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Special Music Ensemble (Sunday 11am)
"Amazing Grace" & "You Are My All in All" Newton/Jernigan

After Communion Hymn (Sunday) "Thank the Lord" LBW page 92

Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" LBW#377

God Speaks To Us Today Through His Living Word
Scripture Lessons for Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2020

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Exodus 33:12-23

¹²Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." ¹⁴The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" ¹⁷And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." ¹⁸Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." ¹⁹And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." ²¹Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Lector: This is the Word of God!

All: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 16:21-27

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Outline
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The Meaning of the Cross

Sermon outline based on Exodus 33:12-23; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Matthew 16:21-27

Intro: And the cross was lifted high!

I. Theology of the cross vs. theology of glory (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

- ✦ **Luther's discovery** (Heidelberg Disputation of 1518)
- ✦ **The crux of the matter** - (Colossians 1:19-20 & Exodus 33:12-23)

II. The cross defines who we are: sinners (Mark 15:34)

- ✦ **The cross is foolishness or saving power** (1 Corinthians 1:18)
- ✦ **The cross brings the gift of forgiveness** (Romans 6:4 & 23)
- ✦ **The message of the cross doesn't change** (Franklin Graham)

III. Lift high the cross!

- ✦ **Making the sign of the cross**
- ✦ **Dedicating ourselves to the Lord**
- ✦ **Proclaiming the truth**

IV. Take up the cross (Matthew 16:24)

- ✦ **Deny ourselves**
- ✦ **Destroy our pride**
- ✦ **Display God's love**



The Golden Kernel:

***Help me Lord to do the things we should do to others kind and good.
In all we do in work or play, to love Thee better every day. As each day unfolds,
let us pause and remind ourselves that this is a day dedicated to God,
that it is to be used for His glory, and that it is best lived with a
continual recollection of what Jesus did for us on the cross.***