

Service for Sunday 10-11-20

Welcome to Worship

Opening Sentences

I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

Opening Song

“The Bond of Love”

We are one in the bond of love,
We are one in the bond of love;
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God,
We are one in the bond of love.

Let us sing now, everyone,
Let us feel His love begun;
Let us join our hands that the world will know
We are one in the bond of love.

Invocation

Welcome in the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit! The Lord is present here and we're invited into His Kingdom as His special people! Through Christ we are saved!

Opening Prayer

All: Gracious Heavenly Father, You've invited us into Your presence. You are waiting for us to accept Your offer of salvation. I pray that You would move in our hearts to hear Your call and answer, for life with You is full of joy and peace! In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9, 13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹³I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ‘while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Let's join our voices together as we profess the name of the Lord!

All: We believe in the Lord Almighty Who hides us in the shadow of His wings and covers us in the garment of His grace. He is sovereign and just and the Lord of all.

We believe in the Son, Jesus Christ, Who through His death and resurrection saved us from hell. His death satisfied the wrath of God and His love covers all our sins.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Who is pure, admirable, and lovely. He guides us into peace through His wise counsel. Amen!

Confession and Words of Forgiveness

All: We ask for Your forgiveness, Jesus. You freely gave Your life for us on the cross. Your blood was shed to cover a multitude of our sins, and Your body was bruised, beaten, and abused on our behalf. By Your grace alone, may we live according to Your Word. In Your name we ask these things, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

In Our Prayers Today

Ellen Westphal; Jim Nunnally; Liz Burnside; Marilyn Smith; Pam O'Leary; Arlene Collier; Elouise Sandborn; Jim Hineman; Jim Markwardt; Dave Evanson; Yvonne Francis; Miranda Callahan; Char's brother and sister; Lloyd Stueve; Melissa Karges in Ethiopia; the Dicke's in New Guinea; Gabriela in Uruguay; our youth; our military; our church; our Mission; our High School; our Nation; our State, our cities, our leaders; those in need!

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.

Benediction

Closing Song

Rejoice, the Lord is King”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
 Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love.
 When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
 Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
 And take His servants up to their eternal home.
 Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice!
 Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

The flowers on our altar today have been placed in celebration of Lennie, Heidi, Lela, Lennie, and Reagan Lerg’s birthdays!

Texts for Next Week – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Birthdays:

Jane Giovacchini – October 12th

Lennie Lerg III – October 12th

Cindy Southerland – October 13th

Jim Nunnally – October 16th

Pastor Norm – October 17th

All words and music for the hymns and songs included in this service, fall under our CCLI License #1264492

Weekly Calendar

Sun Oct. 11th – Worship Service – 9:30 am – with Communion

Elder/Connections Team Meeting – 10:45 am

Tue Oct. 13th – Church Council – Fellowship Hall – 6:00 pm

Wed Oct 14th – On-Line Bible Class – 10:30 am

Sun Oct 17th – Worship Service – 9:30 am – with Communion

Congregational Finances – September and 2020

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>%</u>
September -	\$19,101	\$22,836	83.64%
2020 -	\$210,179	\$226,892	92.63%

Bible Study Our Wednesday on-line Bible Study on ZOOM is from the book of Colossians. In Colossians, we discover that God wants us to do a fresh work among His people by the power of the Holy Spirit. The class is taped and available to watch later. Send your reservation to me at revmilz@sotsl.org. Pastor Norm.

Portals of Prayer Portals of Prayer for October-December and October Devotional booklets are on the Opportunity Table. Please pick one up and spend time seeking God’s wisdom in His Word.

God is so good! As we near the time of our Voters’ Assembly, in late October, we still have a need for someone to be involved with the Education Team working with our children. If you are interested or have any questions about responsibilities, please contact Vice President John Ediss or Pastor Norm. Please be watching for more information about an upcoming Voters’ Assembly for elections.

Opportunity for Prayer We are actively praying for our Country, our leaders, our State and our Community. Please join us in prayer each day and actively ask God to help them and bless us.

Worship The limits have now changed for worship capacity. Beginning last Sunday, we are able to accommodate 70 in worship each week. Social distancing of 6 feet is still to be followed along with the wearing of masks. For your health and the health of those around you, please distance yourself by 6 feet when you move through the Sanctuary or entering or exiting. We're all in this together caring for one another as Jesus asks us to! Thank you.



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