

Nativity Lutheran Church Worship October 18, 2020
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship for these Pre-election Times *When Our Song Says Peace* ELW #709

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of
creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of
one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

We pass judgment on one another

before examining ourselves.

**We place our own needs before those of our
neighbors.**

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

Opening Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* ELW #841

Prayer of the Day

**Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you,
let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.. Amen.**

Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

You may follow along in your Bible if you would like to

Psalm 96:1-13

¹Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but
idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your
presence;**

power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy
name;**

**bring offerings and enter the courts of the
Lord.**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king!**

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth. .

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22
You may follow along in your Bible if you would like to

Sermon

Hymn: How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord ELW #580

Prayers

With confidence in God’s grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Offering Prayer

Living and true God, **we give to you the things that are yours—our skills, our time, our possessions, our selves. Bless us and these your gifts. Move us to works of faith and labors of love for the good of all your people and the wholeness of your creation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,
for calling creation into being,
declaring forgiveness from the cross,
and delivering the spirit of rebirth.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

Your word is a lamp lighting our path,
a mirror reflecting our selves
a shield providing us refuge,
a fire burning for justice and truth.
Your word is sweeter than honey:
it nourishes our bodies like milk,
it sustains your people like bread.
We receive your promises,
more treasured than gold.

We bless you, O God, for your Word.

Open our ears to your prophets,
apostles, and saints,
and to all the cries of the needy.
Breathe into your church the mighty
Spirit of Christ,
that heeding your voice of beauty and power
we are strengthened to serve
wherever we are called.
To you, Father, Son, and Spirit –
the Source, Word, and Breath --
We offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.
Amen.

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.**

Blessing

Sisters and brothers
stand firm in one spirit;
strive side by side for the faith of the gospel;
let your gentleness be known by everyone;
and the God of peace,
The Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and bless you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Savior Again to Your Dear Name* ELW #534

Postlude

Dismissal

Our worship has ended but our service has just begun. Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Announcements

Fellowship time

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Scripture for individual devotions or study this week:

Mon – Oct 19	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 18:1-10,	Psalm 98
Tue – Oct 20	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 18:21-24	Psalm 98
Wed – Oct 21	Daniel 6:1-28	Matthew 17:22-27	Psalm 98
Thu – Oct 22	Numbers 5:5-10	Titus 1:5-16	Psalm 1
Fri – Oct 23	Deuteronomy 9:25–10:5	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15	Psalm 1
Sat – Oct 24	Proverbs 24:23-34	John 5:39-47	Psalm 1

Revised Common Lectionary readings for next Sunday, October 25, Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36