



Welcome to Grace Episcopal “Internet” Church

As we draw near the end of Matthew’s Gospel, the opposition to Jesus intensifies. Today the Pharisees seek to entrap Jesus, asking if it is lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. The trap would be either to offend zealous Jewish patriots, or to offend the ruling class in Jerusalem, including the Romans. Jesus’ answer points instead to Jewish teaching that the government, even a pagan one, has legitimate authority, but that authority cannot be allowed to interfere with our duty toward God.

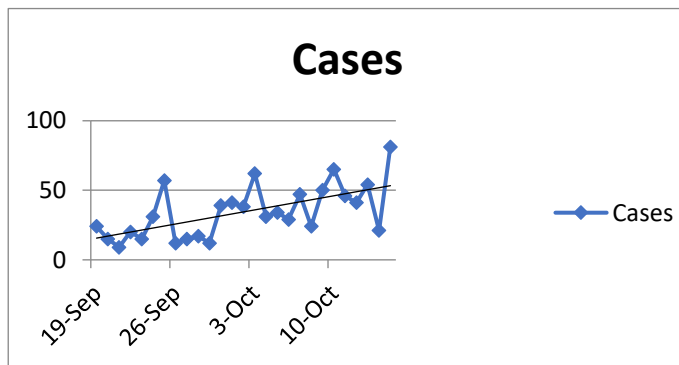
In our first reading God and Moses agree that Yahweh will be the God of Israel if God will be with them. It’s a two-way street God!

The second reading today begins several weeks of reading Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians. This is probably the earliest of Paul’s letters we possess. Things have gone well since he left, and he begins by giving thanks for the Thessalonians’ faithfulness. This church, however, has had some problems and confusion about the second coming of Christ. In coming weeks we will hear Paul’s teaching about that.

Central to every gathering of Christians for worship is intercessory prayer. Our prayer is always for the church and the world. Our faith calls us to care for and minister to all aspects of life. The liturgy reminds us that God is concerned for all creation and is the Savior of all.

Next week Stewards of the Service Oct 25

Betty Brown	Old Testament Lector
Sandra Corp	New Testament Lector
Susan Talley and The DeLongs	Musicians



Scripture Forecast for 21 Pentecost: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Those in need of Prayer this week: The Moore Family, Tricia, Dan, Gail, Stefanie, Ayla, Pamela, Joe, Tony, Abbi, Carmela,. Monica, Glenn.

Long term care and prayers: *Eddie, Gabrielle, Jamie, Nick, Barbara, Jeff, Toby, Bambi, Nancy, Patty, Fran.*

Announcements

1. **Evangelism meeting at 1pm on Thursday, October 22.**
2. **Book Study “White Fragility” continues on Thursday, October 22 at 2pm.**
3. **Gracemakers needlecrafting group meets Tuesday, October 27 at 10:30am at the Church.**
4. **Next Food Box day is Friday, October 30 from 12-1. Contact Marcia if you can help or donate.**
5. **On November 1 turn back clocks. Daylight savings time ends!**
6. **Treasures and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 14.**
7. **The Crop Walk will be Virtual this year. Fr Tom is waiting for the particulars!**
8. **Come and join us on Facebook for morning prayer at 10:30am Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, Friday & Sunday at 10:30am (10 for safe distancing) Communion in the sanctuary via ZOOM.**
9. **Annual meeting January 10, 2019 Openings for Bishop’s Committee will be addressed. 2 (maybe 3) openings**

Please call or email your prayer requests to the office. Please let us know if you are ill or have the virus!

DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IS WED @ 2:00PM

For updates on the pandemic go to <coronavirus.utah.gov>
Sunday worship will continue in this “virtual” space for some more weeks as we are a vulnerable demographic. The criteria is set by no reported cases for a specified time (a minimum of 2 weeks in our region). Because of this the Bishop requires masks for all limited gatherings.

Emails will come inviting you to one of three services through the <reopen.church> website and app. Feedback is always welcome. Tom+