Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service



Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. Matthew 22:21

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Divine Service – Setting Four LSB 203 October 22, 2023 10:30 a.m.

# Prelude

# Welcome

**Opening Hymn** 

LSB 940 sts. 1-5

God. praise Thy name; 1 Ho ly Lord of all. we we 2 Hark! The glad ce - les tial hymn An gel choirs a -3 Lo. the a - pos tles' train Join ho ly Thv sa cred 4 Thou art King of Glo ry, Christ; Son of God. yet  $\triangle$  5 Ho - ly Fa ther, ho lv Son, Ho ly Spir - it,

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"



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#### Stand

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\bigstar$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **C** Amen.

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- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# **C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the 🗷 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

# **C** Amen.

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### Introit

hand.

*Ps.* 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: *Ps.* 121:5

**P** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right

**C** I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**P** My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**C** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**P** Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

**C** The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**P** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

# **PC** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.





Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high— In God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

#### LSB 205

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **C** And also with you.

■ Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

#### Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2 "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you,

#### Isaiah 45:1-7

though you do not know me, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

# Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

- **P** He will command his angels concerning you
- **C** to guard you in all your ways.
- **P** Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- **C** And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

# **Epistle Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace. 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction,

with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



Matthew 22:15-22

# **Holy Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,

the twenty-second chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostle's Creed** 

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**PG** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ♣ everlasting. Amen.





To God the lost to bring, To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing. And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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#### Sermon

# Rev. David Burge

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"In Christ, We Distinguish Between God and Caesar" Sermon Text St. Matthew 22:15-22

#### Stand

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

 P God of our salvation, You deliver Your Son's work through Your Word in power and in the Holy Spirit. Strengthen the Church's pastors to proclaim Your truth. Increase the faith of all who hear, that they may respond in love, steadfast in their hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of all truth, from the rising of the sun to its setting, You make known Your salvation in Christ. Bless fathers and mothers as

they teach their children Your Word and Your ways. Let them know that there is no God besides You and so rejoice in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

 P God our Father, You appointed Cyrus as Your instrument to return Your people to Jerusalem. Uphold the authorities of our nation in wisdom and integrity, that we might live in peace with a good conscience. Grant that they would make salutary use of the taxes we render, and lead us to recognize them as Your instruments, honoring them as You command. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

■ O Lord, our help comes from You, who made heaven and earth. You preserve our life. Have mercy on [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who are afflicted. Keep them from all evil and shade them from all harm. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, guard those who travel. Keep their going out and their coming in. Protect them from every trouble, prosper their journey according to Your will and make their homecomings joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

 P True and living God, You have turned us from idols to serve You and live. As we await Your Son's return in glory, grant that we would faithfully receive Him at this altar with repentance and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)





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#### **Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

#### **Concluding Collect**

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P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be

bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\blacksquare$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

#### Sit Closing Hymn LSB 850 sts. 1-4 "God of Grace and God of Glory" of grace 1 God and God of Your peo - ple glo - ry, On 2 Lo. the hosts of e vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -3 Cure Your chil dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to res - ig -4 Save us from To e - vils weak na - tion the Your pow'r; Crown Your an cient Church's pour sto - ry; His ways! From the fears that long have bound us sail con - trol; Shame self - ish glad - ness, Your our wan ton, de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion we

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#### Announcements

### Postlude