

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Observing the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB 850

**God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure Your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore, serving You whom we adore.**
Ps 80:14-19; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 15:13; Luke 12:32

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *Matt 28:19*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 Jn 1:8-9

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. *Jn 1:12; Phil. 1:6*

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. 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. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. *Psalm 121:1-5, 7-8*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; Jn 1:29*

*CANTOR: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on Earth*

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

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: "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, 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. 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. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, 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. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 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. 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 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. 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, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 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." 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422

**On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!**

Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph. 4:24; 2 Peter 1:4

SERMON: "Image IS Everything!" *Matthew 22:15-22*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might; heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
C: Amen.

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

THE 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!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *Jn. 20:19*

C: ♪ Amen.

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

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“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

LSB 781

**We give Thee but Thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give!**

**Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
An lambs for whom the Shepherd bled are straying from the fold.**

**To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.**

**The captive to release, 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.**

1 John 3:16-18; Matt. 25:40; Ex. 23:19a; James 1:27

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled:
my own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure”

LSB 654

**Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure, my pearl of incomp'able worth.
Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure, surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit to value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world, I inherit Your kingdom of glory and light.**

**Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power Your Word and Your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,--enabling Your kingdom to grow.
Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission, though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition, a mustard seed grown to a tree.**

**Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing of seeds that Your mercy has sown;
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing the weeds that imperil Your own.
Sustain me, O Lord, till Your day of returning and harvest me homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning, where sorrow and danger are past.**

Matt. 15:24-33, 45