

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21 & 22, 2017

## AS WE GATHER

Our God rules the lives of His faith-filled people by grace for Jesus' sake. It's what we pray for in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come." The Lutheran Confessions call this His kingdom of the right hand. But, on the other hand, the left, He also rules through civic authorities. Through Isaiah, He tells King Cyrus that he will be His servant. And the king did let the Jewish exiles return from Babylon! When Jesus' opponents thought to trick Him in saying something against Caesar, He taught about giving the powers that be their due. When the Church in Thessalonica spread the Gospel, they certainly benefitted from the orderliness of the Roman Empire. On the one hand, God is to be thanked for His grace and mercy; on the other hand, we praise Him for using the government that we may enjoy the physical life He gives us.

## HYMN

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

*LSB 940*

## Stand **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved**

**Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as an ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

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

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

**C I lift up 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 forevermore.

**C 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.

**C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**P**  *Glory be to God on High,*

**C**  *and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

*We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great  
glory.*

*O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,*

*that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have  
mercy upon us.*

*For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.*

*Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,*

*art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P**  *The Lord be with you.*

**C**  *And with thy spirit.*

**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.*

- 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, 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  
to guard you in all your ways.

**C** **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

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

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>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.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **ALLELUIA**

**C** ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:15–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

**C** ♪ *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

[Sunday] **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** **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.**

*Sit* **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

*"Living as Stewards"*

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

## OFFERING

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Stand HYMN

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 783

## [Saturday] RITE OF CONFIRMATION

LSB 272

*Jacob Clark Handel**Mia Isabel Masterson*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church and for all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

**P** God our Father, You have invited us to raise our prayers to You in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son, and have promised to hear and answer us with all that is best for us. Give us confidence, that we may call upon You as the people of Your name, and teach us to be content with what Your wisdom and love supply. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You have appointed on earth governments and institutions that are accountable to You. Bless our nation and those in authority over us, and teach us to be good and faithful citizens who willingly supply the resources needed to provide for the common good. Though we are quick to judge and condemn what we dislike, give us patience and wisdom, that we

may encourage and support those who carry the heavy mantle of leadership. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You have set apart a people for Yourself and washed them in the blood of the Lamb to be Your own, to live under You in Your Kingdom forevermore. Give us faith, that we may daily be restored through repentance and forgiveness, and renew our hearts and spirits in the causes of holiness, righteousness and faithfulness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You daily and richly supply all things needful for this body and life, and You have provided for us everlasting life in Christ. Give us a clean heart and a new heart so that we may not be deceived or distracted by things temporal, but rejoice and remain focused on the eternal things won for us by our Savior's death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the healthful Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You have given us not only bread for the body but the Word that endures forever. We come to our Lord's table, at His invitation, to receive the gift of His flesh and blood in this Holy Sacrament. Give us grace, that what we have received with our lips we may keep in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, Your Son has borne the weight of our sins and carried the weakness of our flesh in His body on the cross. Be with the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying in their hour of need. [We especially remember before You \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. (Brief silence.)] We ask that everyone who calls on You may find comfort in Your presence,

healing according to Your will and be sustained through their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Remembering St. Luke, the blessed evangelist; St. James of Jerusalem; and Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles, we recall the saints of old who loved You and served Your name. We commend all things to Your mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, trusting that You will hear us and answer us through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

**P** 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed

for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 198

**C** *♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

*Sit* **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

LSB 594

*Your Table I Approach*

LSB 628

*Stand* **NUNC DIMITTIS**

LSB 199

**C** *♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,*

*for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,*

*a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THANKSGIVING**

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **HYMN**

*We Praise You, O God*

*LSB 785*

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