



OCTOBER 18TH, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

As We Gather

PRELUDE

"Built On A Rock"

Edward Broughton

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Tom

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.**

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Holy God We Praise Your Name"

LSB 940

**1. Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**4. Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.**

**5. Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray....

C **Amen.**

R ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**C ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

R ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**C ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

R ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

**C ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

R ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**C ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

R ⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;^[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!

**C ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

R ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**C ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

**ALL ¹³ before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will
judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

¹Thus 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,
³I 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.
⁴For 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.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that 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.
⁷I form light and create darkness;
I make well-being and create calamity;
I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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GOSPEL READING*Paying Taxes to Caesar*

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. 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 Thanks be to God!

MUSIC MINISTRY*"Our God"**Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone***MESSAGE***Honoring Caesar, Obeying God
Matthew 22:15-22; Pastor Tom***FOR CONSIDERATION**

In our text for today, Jesus reminds us of the need to honor and obey "Caesar," i.e., the governing authorities whom God has placed over us. Yet, He also reminds us of the need to honor and obey God. Does this create conflict or divided loyalties? How are Christians to approach their relationship to the nation where they live? Discuss with someone what it means to be a Christ follower in service to a nation but in obedience to God. For further reflection, read 1 Timothy 1:1-4, Romans 13:1-7, and Psalm 146:3-7.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~ SETTING THREE

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna,
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who com-eth in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



LAMB OF GOD

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**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, A-men.**

Lamb of God will continue to play while participants come forward to pick up their communion pack. Once everyone has returned to their seat, Pastor will lead the congregation in the receiving of the Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *"Whom Shall I Fear?"* *Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Our God, Our Help"

LSB 733

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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POSTLUDE

"Triumph And Thanksgiving"

Franklin Ritter

**If you have not already done so, offering may be deposited in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.
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continued prayers and financial support during this challenging season!*