



October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost

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In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

SERVICE of WORSHIP
Now the Feast and Celebration
** Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: Gretchen Perry, Violin; and Jenny Parker, Cello
 “Air” (J. S. Bach)
 “As the Deer” (M. Nystrom)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: “Prelude in C: Ave Maria” (Bach-Gounod)

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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*THE GREETING

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

And also with you.



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, 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 riches hidden in secret places, so 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 surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the

sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

THE PSALM

Psalm 96:1-9

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
- ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters
beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to
you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And
you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the
word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become
known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions
report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God
from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom
he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”**

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat

***THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kristine Schroeder



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

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

***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

God of Grace, hear our prayer.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Trio (8:30): "It Is Well With My Soul" (Bliss/arr. Kravchuk)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God" (Gordon Young)

*THE OFFERTORY: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen

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*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,

all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The preface appropriate to the day or season is sung or said.

Presider: It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"

Congregation:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

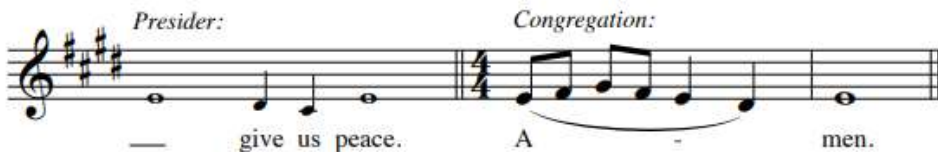
HYMN: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (not printed)

WOV 783

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

Presider: May God bless and keep us.
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
 May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.



*THE SENDING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
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
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

*THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: "Amazing Grace" (Traditional/arr. Curnow)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Art Rockett in memory of Barbara Rockett.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to have coffee in the Fellowship Hall after each service of worship.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in being a substitute for a Sunday in the nursery, please contact Laurie Campbell at personnel.committee@mlutheran.org for details.

MLC'S HANDMADE MARKET continues today in the Parish Hall. All sales support the three schools MLC sponsors through *Lunches for Learning* in Honduras. Come shop handmade crafts, jewelry, household décor, kitchen items, jams, and more. Credit cards accepted!

ACOLYTE TRAINING TODAY after the 11:00 a.m. service. Youth grades 4 through 12 are invited to attend as well as any interested adults. Acolytes are essential in helping worship services go smoothly. Questions? Just contact Cheryl Rydbom at cwrydbom@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 29 IS REFORMATION Don't forget to wear your red shirts and sweaters.

CONGREGATION MEETING IS SUN., NOV. 5 AT NOON **There will be a town-hall style meeting next Sunday, Oct. 29 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.** MLC Council will review the agenda for the meeting, present the proposed 2024 Budget, and encourage members to ask questions. Official notice of the meeting will be e-mailed to members this Thursday.

CHILI COOKOFF & COSTUME CONTEST IS ALSO SUNDAY, OCT 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It's fun and fellowship for all ages to enjoy. The cookoff starts at 5:00, with the costume contest, games for kids, and a Weekend Food Program packing to follow. Signup at the Welcome Center to bring chili, fixins, a dessert, or other items. POC Kari Pitchko.

THE NOV. 4 GERMAN FOOD FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGNUP is in today's *E-Messenger* and also at the Welcome Center. Volunteers are needed to welcome the over 300+ guests expected! There will be a baking day this Saturday in the Parish Hall. POC Dana Burton.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING deposits are due this Wednesday. The triennial ELCA event for youth is July 16-24, 2024 in New Orleans

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Sara Rydbom (8:30)
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Ryan Fedrick (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Lectors</u>	Joan Ellsworth, Asst (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		Bonnie Flowers (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Ushers</u>	Glen Long, Peter Woods (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Tom McNamara, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Cantor</u>	Martin Campbell
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Glen Long, Paul Zutter (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Linda Heideman

Pastor Kris Schroeder

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****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, October 22

- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Handmade Market for *Lunches for Learning*
- 10:30 a.m. - Choir Practice
- 12:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training - Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. - Jr./Sr. Youth "Fourth Sunday Dinner"

Monday, October 23

- 6:30 p.m. - Women's Book Club meets at Wood's home

Tuesday, October 24

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters
- 5:30 p.m. - Men of Messiah (MoM) Gather at Old Black Bear, 212 Main.St. Madison

Wednesday, October 25

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class - Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner - Pastor Bill's "German October-Feast"
- 6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir (Pre-K-Gr.1) with Claire Strand (Rm 6)
- 6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir (Gr.2-6) with Laura Simeone (Rm 4)
- 6:30 p.m. - Notabella (Gr.7-Adult) with Rhonda Gaede (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir (Gr.7-Adult) with Randall Fields (Sanctuary)

Saturday, October 28

- 9:00 a.m. - German Food Fest Baking

Sunday, October 29

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: *LBW Setting Two* with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for all Ages
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting - Parish Hall
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: *LBW Setting Two* with the Lord's Supper
- 5:00 p.m. - Chili Cookoff and Halloween Costume Party

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 4 - German Food Festival
- November 5 - Congregation Meeting, All Saints Sunday
- November 10 - Valley Consort Concert at MLC
- December 3 - Advent Begins
- December 6 - Midweek Advent Services begin
- December 10 - Annual Ring & Sing Concert

Attendance:

October 8 Online: - 66 October 15 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 102, 11:00 a.m. - 47

Offerings Counted October 17, 2023

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| Church Ministries | Owen's House |
| Current Mortgages | Kit Ministries |
| Flowers | Lunches for Learning |
| Wednesday Night Dinners | Music at Messiah |
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| House of the Harvest | |

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