Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

#### 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST [Lectionary 29]—October 18, 2020

#### 11:00 A.M.

#### INTRODUCTION

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.

#### — GATHERING —

#### WELCOME & WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adorn your sacred space with flowers and other beautiful signs of life.

**SABBATH REFLECTION** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -setting, G. Scheer Mitchell Frey, trombone; Helen Weiss Phelps, piano

#### MORNING DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,

That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,

Who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection. Alleluia!

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

GATHERING SONG "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty"

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#### 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God,

raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### -WORD-

#### CHILDREN'S HOMILY

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

<sup>1</sup>Thus 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:
- <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains,
- I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
- <sup>3</sup>I 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.

<sup>4</sup>For 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.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

<sup>6</sup>so 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.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.

#### Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

# <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

## <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

# <sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

## <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;

bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity." <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

## <sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to | judge the earth. <sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

#### SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

<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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because 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. <sup>6</sup>And 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, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For 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. <sup>9</sup>For 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, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 22: 15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They 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." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

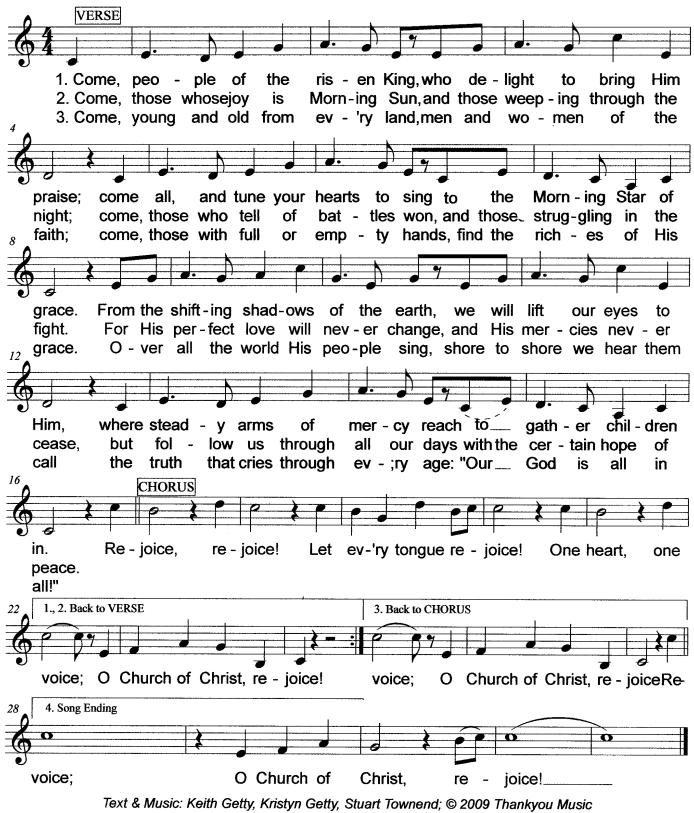
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY "Ten Gifts that Belong to God"

Pastor Stephen Friedrich



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

#### A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists in this and every land. We pray especially for Pr. Karen Castillo and our partners in Guatemala.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.

## Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name.

## Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all

Lord, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## And also with you.

#### -THANKSGIVING

Collect an **OFFERING** for God's mission. Financial gifts can be made online <u>www.lcrmarietta.org/give</u>, Canned food can also be collected.

LCR Musicians also have a musical offering to glorify God

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"-K. Getty, K. Getty, E. Cash Text: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash; © 2012 Getty Music and Alletrop Music (BMI) Used by Permission

How can it be, the One who died, Has born our sin through sacrifice To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.

For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes. Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed. But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet, sing hallelujah.

Once bound by fear now bold in faith, They preached the truth and power of grace. And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save. He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness.

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah. Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.

He's alive, He's alive, Heaven's gates are opened wide. He's alive, He's alive, Now in heaven glorified

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth.

We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word, we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ;

Renew in us the living fountain of your grace;

And raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life;

For you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,

And with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

#### Amen

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

## - SENDING -

## **MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### BLESSING

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.

In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

SENDING SONG "Awesome is the Lord Most High" -Smith /, Baloche / Smith-



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#### DISMISSAL

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!



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