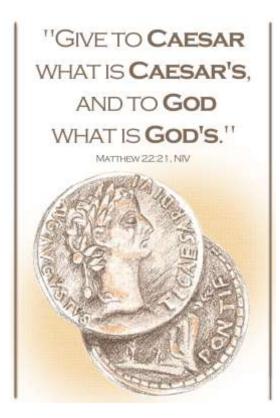
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday, October 22, 2023



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OUR MISSION

"The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith; help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life; and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus'** name."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS - WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We're happy that you've joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us. We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better, trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

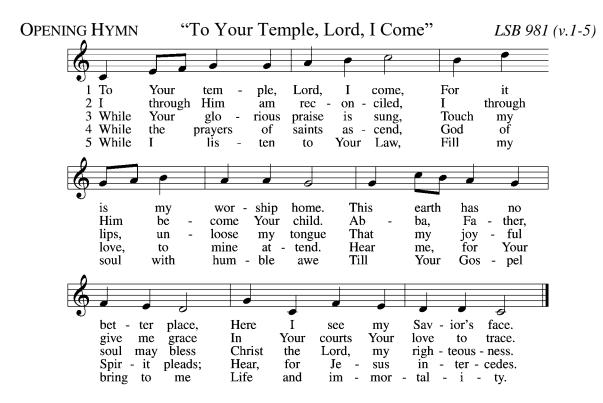
We like to know you worshiped with us today. Please sign the Friendship Pad located on the aisle side of the pew and pass it along to others in the pew.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III

WELCOME



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

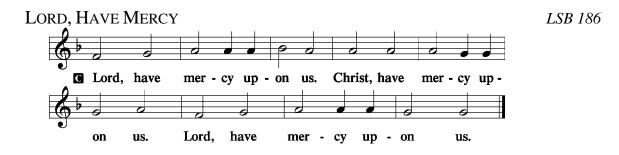
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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 a called and 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

PSALM

Psalm 96:1-9

- P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- C: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
- P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
- P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
- C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!
- All: 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.





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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



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.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1-7 (Pew Bible pg. 605)

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."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Pew Bible pg. 986)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

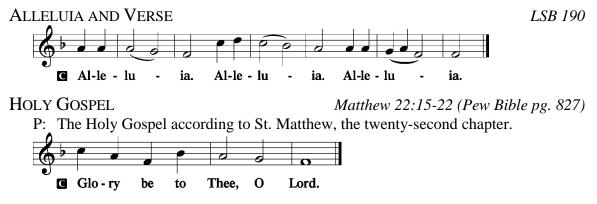
We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of

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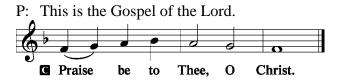
men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth 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.

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 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.



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.

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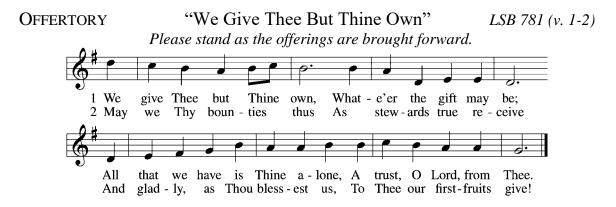
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

SERMON

"Give What?! To Whom?!" Matthew 22:15-22

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes and offerings are collected in the offering box in the Narthex and brought forward during Offertory. If you have a tithe or offering to share, you may still place it in the offering box following worship.

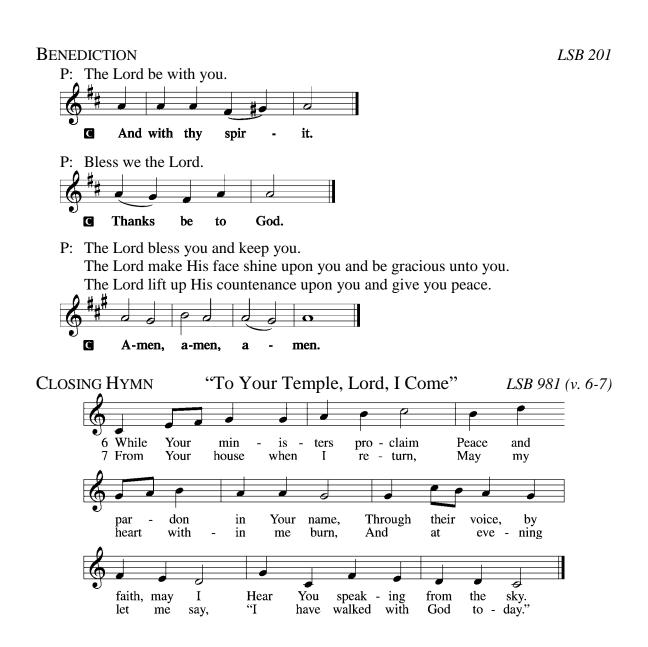


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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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.



Serving Us Today

Guest Pastor - Rev. Robert Frank Organist - Trudy Rowold

ElderChris Byers(309-275-5040)ReaderPam Fuller

Ushers Kevin Holmes (Lead) and Doris Davenport

<u>Altar Flowers</u>

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Kevin and Tammy Holmes in celebration of Seth and Cecilia (their daughter) Deibert's 1st wedding anniversary today and the gift of Seth and Cecilia's son, Alfred, born on September 4th.

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