

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 24

Faithful Confession and Conviction

October 18, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, “I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God.” In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, “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.” Finally, in today’s Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to “render . . . to God the things that are God’s.” Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

#### BELLS

#### WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

*Stand*

#### HYMN

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

LSB 966 (v.1, 3, 5)



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!  
People: **Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!  
People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
People: **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.  
People: **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart.  
People: **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
People: **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
People: **before the LORD, for He comes,**

Pastor: for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.  
People: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

## SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.  
People: **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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**HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 22:15–22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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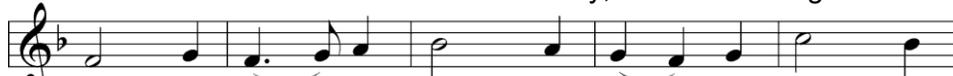
**SERMON**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851



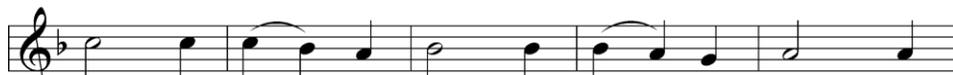
1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of  
  
 and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful.  
Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [especially . . .]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name.  
Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

- Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**
- Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**
- Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

**Pastor:** It is good and right, O Lord, to offer You thanks and praise for having granted to us all things in Christ Jesus, our Savior, whose Baptism for us fulfilled all righteousness and whose perfect obedience before the lies of the tempter has given us strength, that we may endure in His strength and answer Satan's taunts with the truth of Your Word, our strength and shield. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**Pastor:** 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."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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.

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

### Lamb of God

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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 in 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.  
People: Amen.

### BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.  
People: Amen.  
Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN**

**“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”**

LSB 830 (v.1, 3, 6)



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race  
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him-self as sac - ri - fice.  
Let the gath-'ring na-tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

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**POSTSERVICE MUSIC**