

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2020

**“We live, God gives! Hallelujah!
We cry, God supplies! Hallelujah!
We need, God speeds! Hallelujah!
So let us with joy, joy, joy return what God has given.”
-Ciona Rouse**

PRELUDE

Betty Hansen

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Kintzi

OPENING HYMN

“You Servants of God”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

-Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill

**We believe in God,
Creator of the universe,
Giver of every good gift,
Author of life itself.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who reminded us of the coming of God’s kingdom,
who commanded us to care for those in need,
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God’s gifts,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
by whom all things are possible.**

**We believe that God has given us gifts
to be shared freely and generously,
in a spirit of love and joy.**

**We acknowledge that we are merely stewards
of all that is God’s
caretakers of God’s home.**

**We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,
a means of praising God, who has blessed us so abundantly.**

**We believe that God has great things in store for us,
for it is in giving that we receive.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“What the Lord Has Done in Me”

-Hillsong

Verse 1

**Let the weak say I am strong. Let the poor say I am rich.
Let the blind say I can see It's what the Lord has done in me.**

(Chorus)

**Hosanna Hosanna to the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna Hosanna Jesus died and rose again (repeat)**

Verse 2

**Into the river I will wade there my sins are washed away
From the heavens mercy streams of the Saviour's love for me.**

Verse 3

**I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free.**

(Chorus)

**Hosanna Hosanna to the Lamb that was slain
Hosanna Hosanna Jesus died and rose again (repeat)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. . .

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

Cathy Lake

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: 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, 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. 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. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, 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. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

PSALM

“Here is My Heart Lord”

-Martin Nystrom

Verse 1

**Merciful Savior Gracious Redeemer
Slow in your anger rich in your love
Full of compassion longing to heal and bless
You will forgive all of my sin if I will confess**

(Chorus)

**Here is my heart Lord I lay it open
Search every corner cleanse every part
Here is my heart Lord yielded and broken
Merciful Lord come and restore, here is my heart**

SCRIPTURE READING**I THESSALONIANS 1:1-10**

Cathy Lake

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 always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 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 and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 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. 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, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 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. 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, and 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...”*

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RESPONSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL *“Glory to you, O Lord”***GOSPEL READING****MATTHEW 22:15-22**

Pastor Greg Kintzi

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

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL *“Praise to you, O Christ”***SPECIAL MUSIC***“Prelude from Sonata”*
(Henry Eccles)

Greg & Hilary

THE MESSAGE *“Giving God the Things That are God’s”*

Pastor Greg

HYMN OF THE DAY*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Cathy Lake

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Rooted and grounded in the Creator's love,
Entwined in Christ's own life,
May you hear the song of the Spirit today
In trees and grass, in forest and field,
And in the tender stretching of your own heart.

DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace, Serve the Lord.
C) Thanks be to God.