



**Give to God  
the things  
that are God's**

MATTHEW 22:21



## The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Sunday, October 18, 2020

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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.*

### GATHERING

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

### OPENING MEDITATION HYMN

### "God Is Here"

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

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- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!

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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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

A reading from Isaiah.

- <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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 96:1-13**

<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**

A reading from First Thessalonians.

<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 be-  
came 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**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.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION      "Baptized and Set Free"**

- 1 We are people created,  
chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently,  
in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more.  
Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing,  
and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,  
filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and  
again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need,  
God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper  
than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water,  
all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit  
abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home,  
may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing,  
now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,  
we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather  
to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free!  
From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water,  
baptized and set free!

## **BAPTISM (5:00)**

**Bryce Tyler Gray and Emery Lee Gray**

### **PRESENTATION**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*A sponsor(s) presents the candidate:*

I present Bryce Tyler Gray for baptism.

We present Emery Lee Gray for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:*

Bryce Tyler, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Each candidate responds:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

Bryce and Kylie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Emery Lee baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring Emery Lee to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that Emery Lee may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Emery Lee grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Koby, do you promise to nurture Bryce Tyler in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

Koby and Katie, do you promise to nurture Emery Lee in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Bryce Tyler and Emery Lee and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*The presiding minister steps to the font and begins the thanksgiving:*

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.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.*

Bryce Tyler, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Emery Lee, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*After the baptism, the assembly may respond with the following.*

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Bryce Tyler and Emery Lee with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.*

Bryce Tyler, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Emery Lee, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child).*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM—NEW MEMBER (5:00)**

### **PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this sister, Kylie Gray, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism and joining the membership and ministry of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, please respond, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

*Response:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support this sister and pray for her in her life in Christ?

If so, please respond, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

*Response:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us up to eternal life. Stir up in these, your people, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (9:00)**

### **PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these youth, one with us in the body of Christ, who, after completing the expectations of our Confirmation program, are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I ask each confirmand to stand and come forward as he or she is presented.

I present Makenzie Marie Housenga, Kalob Douglas James-Kroeger, and Kaycee Rose Newman who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, please respond, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

*Response:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

If so, please respond, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

*Response:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Amen.

*Each candidate will be invited forward for the laying on of hands.*

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

*When all have received the blessing, all will turn and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **HYMN OF MEDITATION "Here Is Bread"**

- 1 Here is Bread, here is wine  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
Break the bread, drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

*Chorus:*

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life for ever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

- 2 Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
Know His grace, find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here

*Chorus*

3 Here we are, joined in One  
Christ is with us, He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified  
*Chorus*

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## OFFERING

*We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church may be sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

## BLESSING

Mothering God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING MEDITATION HYMN “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- 1 We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our firstfruits give.
- 3 The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—  
it is a Christlike thing.
- 4 And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be:  
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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