



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 22 October 2023
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord, keep your family faithful to you.
Protect us from all evil,
so that we may serve you
by doing good,
to the glory of your name.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE

*From the rising of the sun to its setting there is none besides me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other. (Isa 45:6,7 NKJV)*

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong,
they are weak, but He is strong:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He who died

heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, loves me still,
though I'm very weak and ill;
from His shining throne on high,
comes to watch me where I lie:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! He will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
He will take me home on high:
*Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;
yes, Jesus loves me: the Bible tells me so.*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.***

Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY - WT

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF ADORATION - WT

**Praise to God who reigns on high;
peace on earth to those He loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly king,
God the Father, mighty one.**

**Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away our sin and guilt;
You that sit at God's right hand,
hear us and have mercy, Lord.**

**You alone are holy, Christ,
only You are Lord of all;
for, with the Spirit, You alone
share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank you, sovereign God,
for providing good order and government,
so that we can serve you peacefully.

Make us responsible citizens,
who honour you by
working for the common good
and respecting all lawful authorities.

We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM 96:1-13

*¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.*

*² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.*

*⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.*

*⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.*

*⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

*⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.*

*⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.*

*¹⁰ Say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns.'
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.*

*¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.*

¹² *Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;*
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ *Let all creation rejoice before the LORD,*
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.
Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7 The Lord appoints King Cyrus of Persia to do his will

45 'This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armour, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ²I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honour, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Serving God in faith, hope, and love

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by

God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 The question about paying taxes

Before the reading
Glory be to You, O LORD.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' ²¹ 'Caesar's,' they replied. Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME IT IS

**You were the Word at the beginning
one with God the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation,
now revealed in You our Christ.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is;
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.**

**What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this;
what a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus**

**You didn't want heaven without us,
so Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater,
what could separate us now?**

**What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is;
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.**

**What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this;
what a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You,
You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory,
for You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal,
now and forever, God You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus Christ my King.**

**What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against;
what a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

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MESSAGE

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THIS I BELIEVE (THE CREED)

**Our Father everlasting The all creating One
God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Saviour**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**Our judge and our defender Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life Forever seated high**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**I believe in You I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord**

**I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus**

**I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again
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OFFERING PRAYER

**Our loving God,
we thank you for protecting us in our daily lives
by providing an ordered and peaceful existence.
Help us to obey and respect the governing authorities.
But above all, lead us to honour and obey you, our Lord,
and to serve you with all that you have given us. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God has gathered us together to be his holy people. Let us pray that we may love him with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind, and let us pray for our neighbour as we pray for ourselves.

Heavenly Father: bless, guide and keep your church and ground us firmly in your word. Send workers into your harvest, call faithful Pastors to speak your word, and faithful people to shine as lights in the world. Give us the strength to stand firm on your word against all opposition or temptation to wander from your paths. Keep our eyes from looking to worldly things for support, but only to you, the one who will never pass away! Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Send your spirit to guide all Christians in your paths. Give us love and compassion towards all people around us, and especially those in need. Bless the work of service organisations that help needy people, in particular Lutheran Care, Lutheran World Service, and Lutheran International Mission.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, send your hand to help people in our world that are malnourished and starving; people who suffer mistreatment and abuse; people who live lives filled with hatred, whether hatred towards you or their neighbours. Comfort those who are dying, and anyone suffering from illnesses. We especially pray for those in our own community (*insert names here*).

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Bless the families, students, and staff at Grace Lutheran Primary School. Today we pray specially for Jackson in PT, Sophie in 1C, Bert in 1O, Michaela in 2N, Jessica in 3A, Katherine in 3H, Samuel & Joel in 3W, Jeremy in 4N, Eleanor in 4P, Zayne in 5R, Madelyn in 6K and staff members Sarah & Angela. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, you are the true and living God. Continue to give us the strength to live as your servants, and to wait for the deliverance that you give us in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING TO SHARE

May the Lord answer your prayers and calm your fears.
May the Lord answer your prayers and calm your fears.
May the Lord give you with trust in God's promises.
May the Lord give you with trust in God's promises.
May the Lord fill you joy and delight, today and always.
May the Lord fill you joy and delight, today and always. Amen.

JOY TO THE WORLD

(Unspeakable Joy)

**Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing**

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Joy unspeakable joy An overflowing well
No tongue can tell Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (b): Isaiah 45: 1-7

LHS

- 9 Hark the glad sound G6
- 219 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun G3
- 346 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go G5
- 462 God of mercy, God of grace G6
- 505 Father, who the light this day G4
- 885 Be still and know that I am God GS

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- 9 Be still and know that I am God
- 311 Be still and know

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

LHS

- 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God* G5
194 Thy hand, O God, has guided G3
407 If thou but suffer God to guide thee* G6
490 O Son of God, we wait for Thee* G3
862 As we step from the edge of morning GS

AT

- 101 Jesus, please watch over us
298 Let's go out
309 When the Lord returns
376 Faith, hope and love
384 If we will trust in God to guide us
506 O let's get up to love and serve

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

LHS

- 356 Lord of glory, who hast bought us* G3
357 O God, Thou faithful God* G3
372 We give Thee but Thine own G5
377 Take my life, and let it be* G6

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- 265 Take us now, we are yours
308 We are called to follow Jesus
348 Sing hey for the carpenter
358 Gift to the world
361 Here we are