

Sunday, October 18th – 10:00 a.m.
20th Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION

God responds to Moses request with the words, "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." 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.

PRELUDES

*"Andante"
"The Joyous Bells of Morning"
"Variations on St. Anne"*

*W.A. Mozart
F. Ritter
E. Broughton*

Pastor says Good Morning and Welcome

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

A: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Sing A New Song"

Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik

W & P # 125

Refrain

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1 Yahweh's people dance for joy; oh, come before the Lord,
and praise the Lord on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. *Refrain*

3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives. *Refrain*

Those able please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

A: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

R: The Word of the Lord.
God.

P & A: Thanks be to

Psalm: Psalm 99 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God. (Ps. 99:5)

R: We will read Psalm 99 responsively

R: ¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

P&A: ²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

R: ³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

P&A: ⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

R: ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

P&A: ⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name,
O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

R: ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

P&A: ⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

R: ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia (Sung)

Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik

C: Alleluia! Lord and savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to earthly tyrant like Caesar.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They 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." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

VIDEO CLIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am To Worship"
by Jeffrey Shalome, Alto Sax
Text and music by Tim Hughes

SERMON

by Pastor Tina Mackie

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These removed people will still be in our private prayers

A: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to each petition with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."
(A brief silence)

A: We pray for the church around the world: that church leaders be supported in their ministries; that national and local churches receive the necessary funding to accomplish their tasks; and that, hearing you call us by name, we join with all the baptized to give you praise, even in this time of great trouble.

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Redeemer:
our prayers.

P: in mercy, receive

A: We pray for the earth, the lands, the waters, the animals: that what has been destroyed or harmed be renewed; that the wildness of both storms and viruses be tamed; and that all people become faithful stewards of your good creation.

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Creator:

P: in mercy, receive our prayers.

A: We pray for the nations of the world: that violence between and within nations cease; that ELCA World Hunger, the World Food Programme of the United Nations, and other relief agencies be enabled to feed those who face starvation; that elections in the world's democracies be conducted fairly; and that the people of our country shun acts of hostility and sedition.

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Sovereign:

P: in mercy, receive our prayers.

A: We pray for a right use of taxation: that laws concerning taxes reflect justice for all; that tax monies be directed to worthy uses; and that citizens honestly pay what is fairly charged, so that our nation may be maintained.

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Judge:

P: in mercy, receive our prayers.

A: On this day commemorating St. Luke, we pray for all ministries of healing: that hospitals and clinics receive adequate resources; that medical care be improved in neighborhoods of poverty, in prisons, and in refugee camps; that physicians and nurses be upheld; and that kindly hospice care be available to the dying.

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Healer: **P: in mercy, receive our prayers.**

A: We pray for all in need: for all who suffer from the coronavirus; for all who are living with high anxiety; for those who are unemployed; for those evicted from their housing; for all who experience prejudice based on skin color, ethnicity, or economic status; for those we name here before you. . . .

(Please read only 1st Name and Congregation can read with AM instead of Echoing)

Ralph Finkbiner, Roxanne Robinson and Sharon Wilson

You are great, O God, our Comforter: **P: in mercy, receive our prayers.**

P: We pray finally for ourselves: that you give us steadfastness in faith and love; and that you hear the petitions of our hearts.

(prayers from your heart for those you care about)

(A longer period of silence)

Others for whom you may wish to pray: (names submitted by our members):

Jim Albright, Kenneth Bauer, Deb Althoff, Mike Anthony, Trace Els, Joanne Frederick, John Frederick, Judi Geri, Kelly Gubanich, Robert Hindle, Deb Hoff, Glenn Hoff, Amy Hollar, Tom Hughes, Dottie Jacques, Rich Kleylein, Ryan Law, Mary Lesh, Cindy Levengood, Ellen Levy-Gray, Jay Markwart, Sean Murtha, James Newson, Diane Pannella, Jennifer Paris, Judi Rittenhouse, Brookelyn Rogers, Lynn Schmitt, Kenneth Siedlecki, Brian Spitko, Doris Sypher, Ron Taylor, Chuck Vammen, Vicki Walker, Luke Walton, and Greg Wick

(A brief silence)

You are great, O God, our Friend: **A: in mercy, receive our prayers.**

P: Hear us when we call upon you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all. **A: And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another

(Please keep in mind Social Distancing)

OFFERING

"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." – Isaiah 45:3

We share God's abundance through our hands and work, but is still the abundance of God, who loves us and desires good for all creation. How might your hands sharing God's abundance help point others to Jesus?

*If you wish to make an electronic offering at this time, please go to our website; **zionofspringcity.org** and make your contribution there.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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. **P: Amen**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young

people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: "Amen" or "I believe." (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
and praise.

A: It is right to give him thanks

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to

you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with

the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)*

Sung by Lou & Carol Mandik

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

A: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

A: Amen.

SHARING IN COMMUNION -

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you

A: I believe or Amen (Congregation will drink the wine)

