

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 26 and 29, 2023

**The Season** After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, our God, and the Christian life.

**The Sunday** Our God establishes earthly governments.

### Opening Hymn

*To You, Our God, We Fly* CW 620



1 To you, our God, we fly For  
2 The pow'rs that you or - dained With  
3 Give peace, Lord, in our time. Oh,  
4 Though vain and fool - ish, still We



mer - cy and for grace. Oh, hear our  
heav'n - ly wis - dom bless; May e - vil  
let no foe draw nigh Nor law - less -  
are your peo - ple, Lord. Oh, bend us



low - ly cry And do not hide your face!  
be re - strained, Re - placed by right - eous - ness.  
ness and crime In - sult your maj - es - ty!  
to your will; We'll serve no oth - er God!

#### *Refrain*



O Lord, stretch forth your might - y hand



And guard and bless our na - tive land.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, abr., alt.  
Tune: CROFT'S 136TH (66 66 88) William Croft, 1678-1727.

### *Stand*

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**



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Our mission is to

**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**

around the Gospel  
to help people

**Grow**

in the **Gospel**  
and  
**Go**

with the **Gospel**

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children  
need to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through  
his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the  
good news of  
forgiveness through  
the life and death of  
Christ. This is the  
focus of our worship.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

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M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### Oh, Taste and See

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your son our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

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## THE WORD

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### First Lesson:

**Daniel 1:3-21**

Daniel and his friends faithfully served the government that God had placed over them—even though this was the government that had conquered their city and carried them off into exile.

<sup>3</sup> Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— <sup>4</sup> young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. <sup>5</sup> The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

<sup>6</sup> Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>7</sup> The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Beltshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup> Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, <sup>10</sup> but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

<sup>11</sup> Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." <sup>14</sup> So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup> At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. <sup>16</sup> So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

<sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

<sup>18</sup> At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. <sup>20</sup> In every

matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

<sup>21</sup> And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus. (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96

### *Refrain*



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

### *Psalm tone*



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

Declare his glory among the nations,\*  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

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

### *Refrain*

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

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

for he comes to judge the world in righteousness\*  
and the peoples in his truth.

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

### *Refrain*

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St. Paul leaves no loopholes. Everyone is to submit to the governing authorities precisely because they have been established by God.

<sup>1</sup> Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup> Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. (NIV)

### **Verse of the Day**

M: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.  
Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10a)

*Stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 22.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel:**

### **Matthew 22:15-21**

Jesus teaches we are to give the government what belongs to the government. But we are not to give to the government what belongs only to God.

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax<sup>[a]</sup> to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

<sup>21</sup> "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."

<sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

## All Depends on Our Possessing Hymn 421



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing  
5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.  
soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so  
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.  
way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, alt.

## Sermon

## Romans 13:1-7

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **Offering**

*Stand*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today.  
*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).*

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

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **Benediction**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

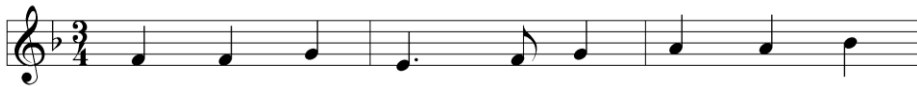
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Be Seated*

## **Hymn**

*God Bless Our Native Land Hymn 619*



1 God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she  
2 For her our prayers shall rise To God a -



ev - er stand Through storm and night! When the wild  
bove the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art



tem - pests rave, Ru - ler of wind and wave,  
ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with watch - ful eye,



Do thou our coun - try save By thy great might.  
To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813–93, st. 2.  
Tune: AMERICA (664 6664) *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, c. 1740.