

WHAT  
IS  
CAESAR'S?



WHAT  
IS  
GOD'S?

MATTHEW 22:15-22

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Larimore, ND

October 22, 2023

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## **GREETING**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

**ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!**

### **\*CENTERING HYMN “Draw Me Close to You”**

**Draw me close to you. Never let me go. I lay it all down again. To hear you say that I’m your friend. You are my desire. No one else will do. Cause no one else can take the place. To fill the warmth of your embrace Help me find a way. Bring me back to you.**

**Chorus: You’re all I want. You’re all I’ve ever needed. You’re all I want. Help me know you are near. *Repeat***

### **\*CONFESSION**

**Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes, Grant us Your gift of Faith.**

### **\*FORGIVENESS**

**Our God is a great God, He knows our needs for all areas of life. He knows our weakness and our unbelieving hearts. Yet, He loved us enough to die on a cross to provide forgiveness of our sin. Now the focus is not on the faith that we can muster, but on the great gifts He gives daily as we trust Him. God has given us the gift of faith – faith for the moment...faith for every trial...faith for every temptation...faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for His gift of faith.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**    *“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”*

**Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come**

**One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now**

**Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come**

**\*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 SERMON**

**WORD**

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

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to 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;<sup>[a]</sup> 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 give you a title, 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.

***WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.***

**PSALM: Psalm 96** (We will read it responsively, verse by verse)

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.** <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. <sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.** <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup>**Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.** <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup>**Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."** <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all that fills it; <sup>12</sup>**let the field exult and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy** <sup>13</sup>before the LORD, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<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 became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from 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 they 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 coming wrath. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE.*

***THANKS BE TO GOD.***

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life and health and peace.**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL** *Matthew 22:15-22* (congregation read the words in red)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him 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 Caesar 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, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, **“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’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.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“I Come to the Cross”*

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace; I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into Your strength; Humbly I come to the cross.**

**Your arms are open, You call me by name, You welcome this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross. *Sing twice.***

**\*OFFERING**    *“Give Thanks”*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son And now let the  
weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich Because of what The  
Lord has done for us**

**And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what The Lord has done for us. Give thanks.**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you  
have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we  
worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your  
kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a  
great blessing to many. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love...I believe that  
God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond  
measure...I have faith in Jesus, who emptied himself out of his love for  
me...I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death  
and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. His death is  
mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words  
and work...I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming  
love...I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives  
within each person. The spirit continues to call people by the gospel,  
and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the  
Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity...I  
believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to  
take each of us to be with Him. AMEN.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**    *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face. And the  
things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and  
grace.**

## **\*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.**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BLESSING** *(Please stand and bless one another)*

May you find the joy and strength that comes from enjoying God's presence. May you be forever changed because of what Jesus won for you on that cross. And may you live the rest of your days awakened to your God-given value and purpose as a child of God. Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN** *"Awesome God"*

**Our God is an awesome God; He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God *REPEAT***

**\*DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ, be a warrior of prayer and a light of hope to all the world! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

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**Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!** If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

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### **Serving this Sunday**

*Ushers:*

*Reader:*

*Prayer:*

*Communion:* N/A

*Fellowship:* P. & J. Mutch

### **Serving Next Sunday (10/29/23)**

*Ushers:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Reader:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Prayer:??—sign up on the clipboard*

*Communion:* We Need Helpers

*Fellowship:* P. & J. Mutch

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

**"Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach,  
**we are our Savior's!"**

**PRAYER LIST**

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email:  
[oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com](mailto:oslclarimoreoffice@gmail.com) or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

**We pray for those in need:**

Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that they come to know  
Christ as their Savior and Lord      Jerry Madson (Sherry Voight's dad)  
Viola Lee      Gloria Temple      Lois Jemtrud      Mark Sletten  
Betty Olson      Pr. Rena Peterson      Cindy Olson      Bonnie Olson  
David Barnett (relative of R. Stover)      Donna Willoughby (daughter of  
Gordon Peterson)      David Sletten (cousin to Camilla Stover)      Robbie Leake  
All those affected by the Hatton-Northwood VB Team Bus Accident  
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Nancy Smith,  
Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

**Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:**

LaVonne Jacobson      Vicki Sweeney      Dolores Mutch  
Marv Jemtrud      Arlene Lilja

**Prayers for Armed Service Members:**

Robert Norman      Dillon Norman



## **CALENDAR**

**Today, 10/22/2023**

**9:00am**—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship

**11:00am**—Fellowship

**Youth Fall Clean-Up Fundraiser**—Silent Auction

**Wednesday, 10/25/2023**

**3:30pm**—Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 10/26/2023**

**9:30am**—Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

**Next Sunday, 10/29/2023—Reformation Sunday**

**9:00am**—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

**10:00am**—Worship w/Holy Communion

**11:00am-1:00pm**—Marty Party Youth Fundraiser Lunch

**Every day:**

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Mission of the Month for: Sept-Oct:** Kids Closet
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>:** Reformation Sunday—Marty Party Youth Fundraiser Lunch: 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Bible Distribution and Clavinova Blessing

# Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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GOD	WORDS	DISCIPLES	OPINION
CAESAR	TAXES	AMAZED	REPLIED
WAY	PLANS	GIVE	TRAP
PHARISEES	TEACHER	INTEGRITY	TRUTH