OCTOBER 29, 2023 | Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost/Matins

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

What does the Bible say about God and government? Romans 13:1-2 says: "Obey the government, for God is the One who has put it there. There is no government anywhere that God has not placed in power. So those who refuse to obey the law of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow."

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or an elder.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages. It is based on the Order of Matins, found on p. 32ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister Rev. Roger C. Holtz

Organist Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty Sunday: Rod Meves

Ushers on Duty Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., Charles Hartwig

Altar Guild Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of Matins

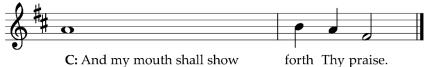
Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

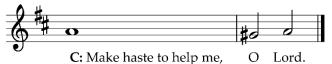
All Ye Who on This Earth do Dwell | 581

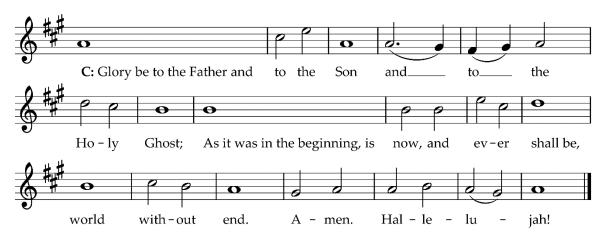
VERSICLES Psalm 51:15; 70:1

M: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.





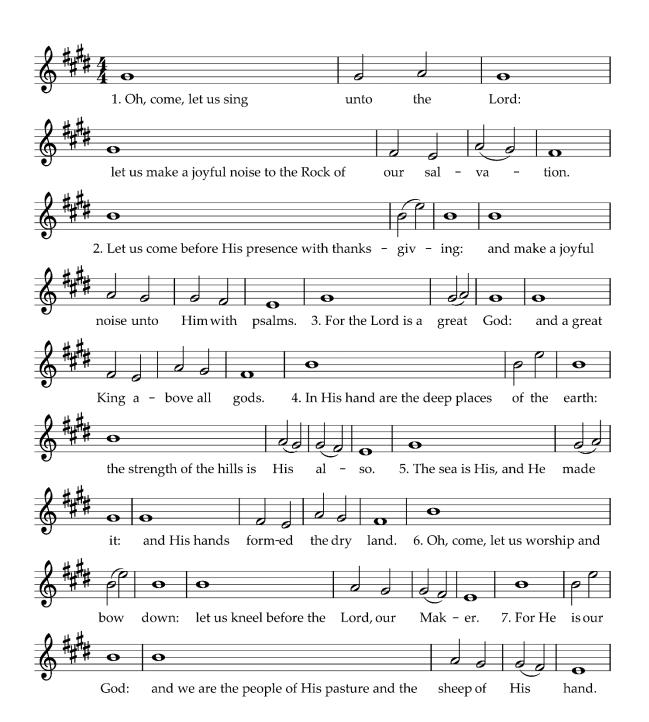
THE INVITATORY & THE VENITE

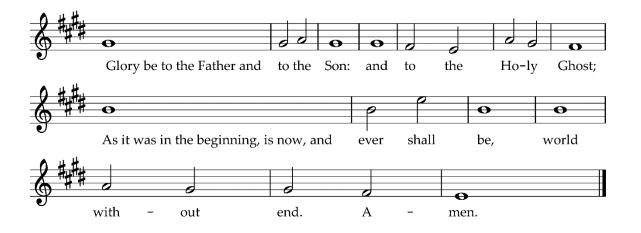
"O Come, Let Us Sing" - Psalm 95:1-7

M: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



C: For He is our Mak - er.





You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 96

M: Sing to the LORD a new song;

C: sing to the LORD, all the earth.

M: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

C: proclaim his salvation day after day.

M: Declare his glory among the nations,

C: his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

M: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

C: he is to be feared above all gods.

M: For all the gods of the nations are idols,

C: but the LORD made the heavens.

M: Splendor and majesty are before him;

C: strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

M: Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,

C: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

M: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C: bring an offering and come into his courts.

M: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his[a] holiness;

C: tremble before him, all the earth.

M: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;

C: he will judge the peoples with equity.

M: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

C: let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

M: Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

C: let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

M: Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,

C: he comes to judge the earth.

M: He will judge the world in righteousness

C: and the peoples in his faithfulness.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

"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 armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ²I will go before you and will level the mountains[a]; 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 honor, 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.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5a

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 labor 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, ⁵because 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.

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-21

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They 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. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax^[a] 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."

M: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



You may be seated.

CHOIR Jesus Shall Reign

HYMN

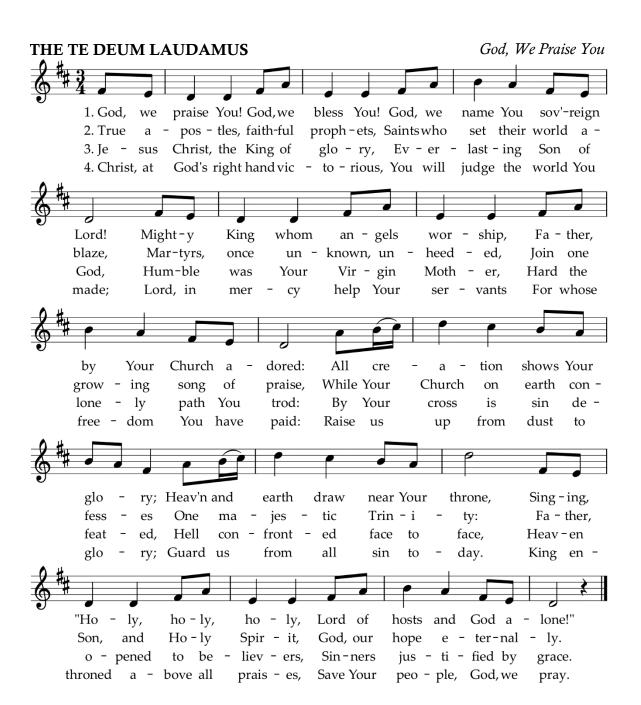
To Thee, Our God, We Fly | 580, 1, 4, 9

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON - Matthew13:1-7

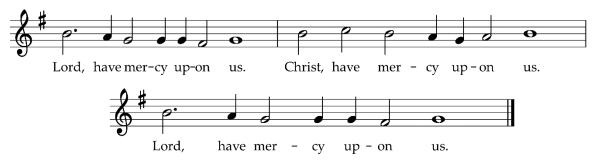
Christians, Pay All Your Debts

THE OFFERING



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE KYRIE ("LORD, HAVE MERCY") & THE LORD'S PRAYER



C: 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.

THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

M: Bless we the Lord.



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



CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land | 577

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to Sue Wallenfang and Sharon and John Dunbar for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

TRUNK OR TREAT – Trunk or Treat is Tuesday, October 31, from 4-6 p.m. If you have not already done so, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in bringing a vehicle, and there is a container for donating candy. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – It is time to order poinsettias for our Christmas services! If you would like to donate a poinsettia, the cost this year is \$16.50/plant. Simply place your money in a separate offering envelope, mark it "poinsettia" along with your name and info, and place in the offering. The deadline for ordering is November 12.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR – If you have a committee or group meeting scheduled in November, please email Barb Schnese at secretary@christthekinggb.org by Wednesday, November 1, with the name of the group and starting time of meeting. Barb's office hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, 9:00-12:30, 920-434-6010.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (10/29) Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Choir Practice, after service

Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY (10/31) Trunk or Treat, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (11/5) Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:20 a.m.

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.