

THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 22, 2023

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Preservice Music, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome,

INVOCATION

Reader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

PSALM READING Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

R The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.**

**Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

SUNG RESPONSE *“Purify My Heart”*

Purify my Heart, touch me with Your cleansing fire.

Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire.

Breathe Your life in me, kindle a love that flows from your throne.

Oh, purify my heart. Purify my heart.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped,
 to subdue nations before him
 and to loose the belts of kings,
 to open doors before him
 that gates may not be closed:
²"I will go before you
 and level the exalted places,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
 that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make well-being and create calamity,
 I am the LORD, who does all these things."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy

of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

OPENING SONG *“More Precious Than Silver”*

Lord, You are more precious than silver.

Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;

And nothing I desire compares with You.

And who can weigh the value of knowing You?

Who can judge the worth of who You are?

Who can count the blessings of loving You?

Who can say just how great You are?

Lord, You are more precious than silver,

Lord, You are more costly than gold,

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with You.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** 🎵

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you

hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** 🎵

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

P "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by your works, so that no one can boast." *Ephesians 2:8,9*

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I Forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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 T everlasting. Amen.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE *(Hymnal)*

SERMON: "Render Unto God the Things That Are
God's" *Matthew 22:21*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

(Stand)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Prepare your hearts to meet the Lord.

C We lift our hearts to God, the Most High.

COMMUNION PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Great Are You, Lord"

**Holy Lord, most holy Lord,
You alone are worthy of my praise.
O holy Lord, most holy Lord,
With all of my heart I sing.:**

**Great are You, Lord.
Worthy of praise,
Holy and true,
Great are You, Lord,
Most holy Lord.**

Repeat.

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"He's got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sinner man in His hands,
He's got the sinner man in His hands,
He's got the sinner man in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me in His hands.
He's got you and me in His hands.
He's got you and me in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

"Come to Jesus"

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
Oh, raise your head for Love is passing by
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus
Come to Jesus and live

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain

So, sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus
Sing to Jesus and live

And like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So, fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus
Fall on Jesus and live

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus
Cry to Jesus and live

Oh and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus
Dance for Jesus and live

With your final heartbeat
Kiss the world goodbye
Then go in peace, and laugh on Glory's side
And fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus
Fly to Jesus and live

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *"You Are the Light of the World"*

You are the light of the world,
You are the light of the world.
 So shine, shine, shine where you are.
You are the light of the world.
You are a city on a hill.....
You are a candle in the dark.....
You are a star in the night.....

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