



**“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are  
Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”**

**Matthew 22:21:**

# **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

**11:00AM**

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER**

The most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God's saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world's good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus' power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” 851**

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 121:2, 7*

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

**P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
**C He will keep your life.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” 806

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho-ly One, Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be-cause He's giv-en

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

**ANTHEM**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

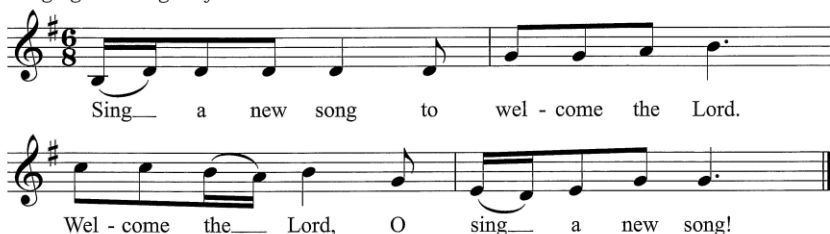
**Isaiah 45:1-7**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

*Congregation sings Refrain where indicated*



### Choir:

- 1 Sing a new song to welcome the Lord, welcome the Lord and tell the whole world,  
Tell the whole world how we have been saved, saved by the marvelous deeds of the  
Lord. Praise to the Lord should be great as the Lord. *Refrain*
- 2 Sing a new song to welcome the Lord, welcome the Lord who is greater than all,  
Greater than all the idols on earth. Idols make nothing, no, nothing at all.  
Heaven and earth are the work of the Lord. *Refrain*
- 3 Sing a new song to welcome the Lord, welcome the Lord with jubilant song,  
Jubilant song from heaven and earth, song from the seas and the fields and the trees.  
All of the trees of the forest will sing. *Refrain*
- 4 Sing a new song to welcome the Lord, welcome the Lord who is coming to judge,  
Coming to judge with justice and truth, truth that the world will be blessed to receive.  
Welcome the Lord, O sing a new song! *Refrain*

## EPISTLE READING

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

## ALLELUIA & VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:15-22**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*After the Gospel is read:*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*We sit.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” 940

**SERMON**

“It’s a Sure Thing”

Pastor Michael Geml

*We stand.*

## APOSTLES’ CREED

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Response to each petition:*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CLOSING COLLECT**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **CLOSING HYMN “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” 782**

## **POSTLUDE**



## Sermon Notes

YOUR  
**WORK**

IS

PRODUCED

BY

*Faith*

YOUR  
**LABOR**

IS

PRODUCED

BY

*Love*

AND  
YOUR

ENDURANCE

INSPIRED BY

**HOPE**

IN OUR

**LORD**

JESUS CHRIST

1 Thes. 1:3