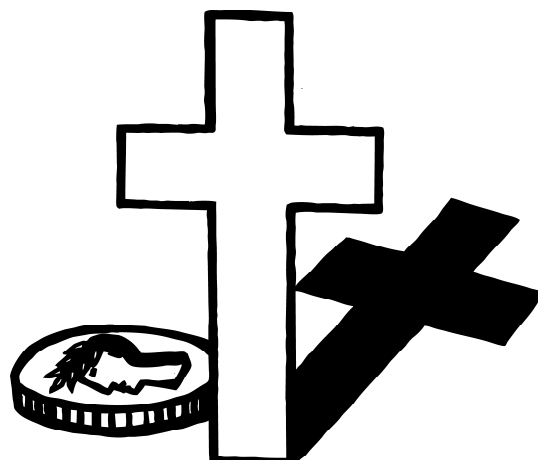


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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE

Meditation for Prayer

John Turner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
 who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
 have mercy on us.
 We confess that we are captive to sin
 and cannot free ourselves.
 We turn from your loving embrace
 and go our own ways.
 We pass judgment on one another
 before examining ourselves.
 We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.
 Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
 and turn us again to life in you
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
 and through his death and resurrection,
 Christ has made us his own.
 Hear the truth that God proclaims:
 Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
 Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
 to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Rise Up and Praise Him*

Let the heavens rejoice. Let the earth be glad.
 Let the people of God sing His praise all over the land.
 Everyone in the valley come and lift your voice.
 All those on the mountaintop, be glad and shout for joy.

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love.
 Rise up and praise Him, worship the holy one.
 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Tim Sersen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

God's Message to his anointed,
 to Cyrus, whom he took by the hand
 To give the task of taming the nations,
 of terrifying their kings—
 He gave him free rein,
 no restrictions:
 "I'll go ahead of you,
 clearing and paving the road.
 I'll break down bronze city gates,
 smash padlocks, kick down barred entrances.
 I'll lead you to buried treasures,
 secret caches of valuables—
 Confirmations that it is, in fact, I, GOD,
 the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.
 It's because of my dear servant Jacob,
 Israel my chosen,
 That I've singled you out, called you by name,
 and given you this privileged work.
 And you don't even know me!
 I am GOD, the only God there is.
 Besides me there are no real gods.
 I'm the one who armed you for this work,
 though you don't even know me,
 So that everyone, from east to west, will know
 that I have no god-rivals.
 I am GOD, the only God there is.
 I form light and create darkness,
 I make harmonies and create discords.
 I, GOD, do all these things.

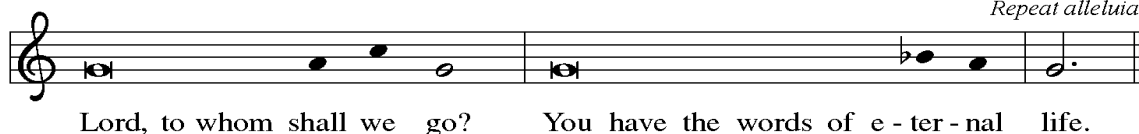
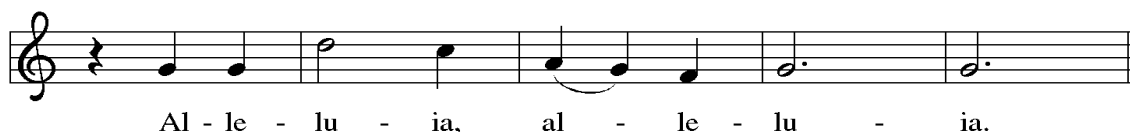
Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 96:1-13

(read responsively)

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.
- ³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- ¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peoples with equity."
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is
therein.
- ¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.
- ¹³You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand)**Repeat alleluia*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Erin Heidelberger

HYMN OF THE DAY *Be Thou My Vision* **ELW #793**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

After each petition: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Thank you for your faithful giving that has continued during this time! Ministry at this time depends on regular giving. If you would like to give online now, you can use this QR code scanner on your smart phone to be directed to the Giving page on our website. You can also mail your offerings in to the church.

**OFFERING SONG**

Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just, by his power we trust in his love.
 Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true, by his mercy he proves he is love.
 Great is the Lord and worthy of glory.
 Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
 Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
 Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

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OFFERING PRAYER

We bring you these gifts, O God,
 from what we have first received from you.
 Use them, we pray, to enable the ministries of this church
 to flourish as we together serve our neighbors,
 both near and far away, by showing love
 and doing mercy in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.

BENEDICTION

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

You Servants of God

ELW #825

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

SENDING WORDS

Go in peace. Christ is with you! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Minor

Lani Smith

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