

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 96:1-3*

*Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;*

**People: sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

*Pastor: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;*

**People: tell of His salvation from day to day.**

*Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations,*

**People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" (Lutheran Service Book, #811, vs 1-2,5)

Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,  
Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise  
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.  
  
Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King.

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### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Dear ones, the God we worship is the living and true God. His word is sure, and His works are perfect. He lacks nothing yet dispenses every blessing. His grace cannot be measured nor His love contained. Come in repentance before Him, for He will surely look with favor on all who believe in His Son, Christ Jesus, and place their whole confidence in Him.*

**People: We confess to You, holy Lord, our many failures of faith. We know that we know that we should always fear, love, and trust in You above all things, but often Satan deceives us, the world deludes us, and our own sinful pride turns us away from You. Have mercy on us! Forgive us, not because we deserve it but because Your Son sacrificed His life for us. By Your Spirit daily increase our devotion to You and our determination to declare Your glory among all nations. Amen.**

*Pastor: Rejoice, my friends! From those marked with the cross of Christ the Lord of heaven and earth withholds His wrath, and upon them He sends great blessings. You are baptized, cleansed from all wickedness by water and the Word of God. In Christ Jesus Your places in the Father's heart are forever secure. As a minister of the gospel, with the authority the risen Christ Himself bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: O Lord our God, marvelous and mysterious, You alone reign over all things and to You all praise is due. Remove every idol from our hearts, we pray. Fill us with zeal for Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who rescued us from sin by His blood and delivered us from death by His resurrection. Amen.**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT 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 loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before Him  
that gates may not be closed:  
“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,  
I 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.  
For 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.  
I am the Lord, and there is no other,  
besides Me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know Me,  
that 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.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the Lord, Who does all these things.”

## **RESPONSORY:** Psalm 96:4-5

*Lector: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;*

**People: He is to be feared above all gods.**

*Lector: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,*

**People: but the LORD made the heavens.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because 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. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For 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. For 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, and to wait for His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead, Jesus Who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 96:7-8a

*Lector: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!.*

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 22:15–22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. And 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. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin for the tax." And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They 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." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed

**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 everlasting. Amen!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at [www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons](http://www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons).

**HYMN:** "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (LSB, #355, vs 1, 6-7 Tune: Wo Gott Zum Haus)

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;  
Come down, come down with mighty stride;  
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;  
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
O come, lead us with mighty hand

From exile to our promised land.  
There shall we all our praises bring  
And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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**SERMON:** “Out of the Gate” (*Isaiah 45:1-7*)

**OFFERTORY:**

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at [www.flcms.org/index.php/give](http://www.flcms.org/index.php/give).

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** “O Sing to the Lord” (LSB, #808, verses 1-2)

O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to the Lord,  
O sing God a new song.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
For God is the Lord!  
And God has done wonders.  
O sing to our God,  
O sing to our God.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

### BENEDICTION: *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People:** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN: "From All that Dwell Below the Skies" (LSB, #816)

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;

Eternal truth attends Thy Word.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise to God the Father be,

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore

Forever and forevermore:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**DISMISSAL:**

Please be seated  
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe

Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Organist:

Leland Frese

Lay Readers:

Online Reader – Janine Alford

9:30 Reader – Michael Weil

11:00 Reader – McKenna Barnes

Musicians:

Adam Perez and Austin Angerman

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman