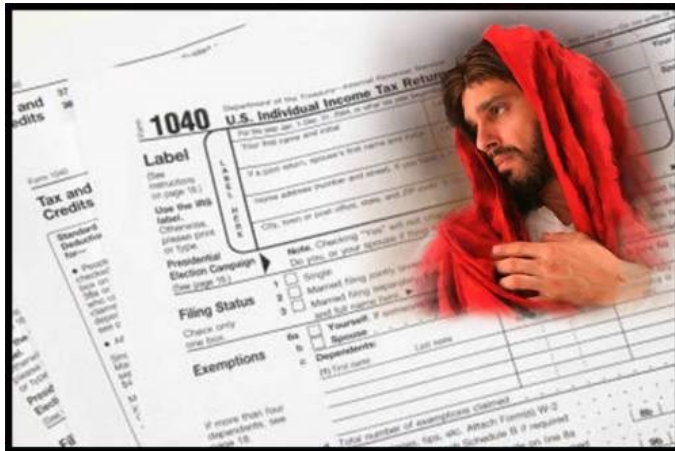


**Sunday Worship**  
**October 22, 2023**  
**Time After Pentecost**



**"Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"**  
**Matthew 22:17**

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## **WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION!**

Thanks for coming to be with us at Zion Lutheran Church. If you are visiting with us for the first time, will you please fill out a visitor card, available in the pew rack in front of you, and drop it in the offering plate. Whether this is your first visit or you worship here regularly, we are delighted that you chose to share with us. We worship together on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If you have a “prayer request” or a “praise report”, please let the pastor know. God bless you on your journey of faith.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*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.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Arr. Hobby

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: Blessed be God, the One who forms us + Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow You.  
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and Your creation,  
forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from You and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to You and set us on the right path; in the name of  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare.  
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN Purple hymnal #1094 (v1,4-6)**

*Bring Many Names*

### **GREETING / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .  
**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**

### **KYRIE Red hymnal #120**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE Red hymnal #121**

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and**

peace to God's people on earth. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

## THE WORD

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

R: <sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

R: <sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

R: <sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

C: <sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

R: <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but You, O LORD, have made the heavens.

C: <sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in Your presence; power and splendor are in Your sanctuary.**

R: <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

- C:** <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- R:** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- C:** [<sup>10</sup>**Tell 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."**
- R:** <sup>11</sup>Let 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.
- C:** <sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at Your coming, O LORD, for You come to judge the earth.**
- R:** <sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with Your truth.]

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**R:** <sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**R:** The Word of the Lord

**C:** **Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Red Hymnal #401**

**C:** **Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It's Your leading that we're needing, help us to follow You. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come to teach us, come to nourish those who believe in Christ.**

**Bless the faithful, may they flourish, strengthened by grace  
unpriced. Come, come, come Holy Spirit come. Come, come, come  
Holy Spirit come.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**P:** The Gospel according to **Matthew 22:15-22**

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON** Pastor Dale Schaefer

**HYMN** Red Hymnal #580

*How Clear is Our Vocation Lord*

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**P:** Let us confess our faith.

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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 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 again 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** *(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** Hear our prayer . . .

**OFFERING—Invitation—God's Work Continues**

**OFFERTORY SONG #674** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERS WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *(All who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament are invited to receive Holy Communion.)*

**BLESSING**

**P:** The God of glory, **+** Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever

**C:** **Amen.**

**HYMN Red hymnal #834**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** What is the mission of Zion Lutheran Church?

**C:** **The mission of Zion Lutheran Church is:  
"Serving Christ through serving others."**

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      Arr. Burkhardt

*The altar flowers are given to the honor and glory of God  
by Bob & Wanda Lenehan in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.*

*The individual flower on the altar is in celebration of Bill DeVenzio and  
Linda Short's wedding on the 21st.*

*Prayer concerns for Zion's prayer chain may be submitted  
using a 'Prayer Request' card from the pew rack.*

### **In Helpful Service**

Pastor	Dale Schaefer
Acolyte	Alex Garvic
Communion Assist	Susie Gray
Reader	Lilian Nichols
Usher	Brad Kennedy
Greeters	John & Jill Greer

**ATTENDANCE 10/14 & 15:** 87  
**Unified Giving 10/14 & 15:** \$2,234.00

**Sunday School:** Adult 14  
Youth 2 Kids 3

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*Operation Christmas Child* collects shoeboxes—filled with school supplies, hygiene items, fun toys and notes of encouragement—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

Please pick up an empty box (or two) and a "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure located in the narthex (or you can use a regular shoebox or buy a container.)

If you want to help out but are unable to shop or prefer not to you can also help by making a donation to help with gifts and shipping.

Any questions contact Deb Keppel.









