

**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 21-22, 2023**  
**St. Michael Tide**  
**Divine Service, Setting Two, p. 167**

**Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** (*stand*) p. 167

**Entrance Hymn** "I Leave All Things to God's Direction" LSB 719, *soloist st. 3*

**Kyrie and Gloria** p. 168

**Collect of the Day** p. 172

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. **Amen.** (*sit*)

**Old Testament** *Cyrus, God's Instrument* Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup>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:  
<sup>2</sup>"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,  
<sup>3</sup>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.  
<sup>4</sup>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.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**Gradual** Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

**Epistle** *The Thessalonians' Faith and Example* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<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 give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <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 loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in

Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**Verse of the Day** (*stand*)

Colossians 2:10

**Alleluia, alleluia.** You have been filled | in him,\*

who is the head of all rule and auth- | ority. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel** *Paying Taxes to Caesar*

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Sermon** (*sit*) "Congratulations! You have won the election!"

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Hymn of the Day** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940, sts. 1-4, *soloist st. 3*

**Prayer of the Church** (*stand*)

*congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

**Offering** (*sit*)

**Offertory** (*stand*)

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**Preface**

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**Distribution** (*sit*) "For All the Faithful Women"

LSB 855, sts. 1, 12, 3, 4

**Post-Communion Canticle** (*stand*) "Nunc Dimittis"

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**Post-Communion Collect and Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940, sts. 5-7