



**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 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Declare His Glory”

Mary McDonald

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

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Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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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.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,

we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,

O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May those things which we ask in faith effectively follow by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Amen

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus 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: ²"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, ³I 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.

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

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 96:1-13

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;

sing to the LORD, all | the whole earth.

²**Sing to the LORD and | bless his Name;**

proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

³Declare his glory a- | mong the nations

and his wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised;**

he is more to be feared | than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;

but it is the LORD who | made the heavens.

⁶**Oh, the majesty and magnificence | of his presence!**

Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples;

ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor | due his name;**

bring offerings and come in- | to his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
let the whole earth trem- | ble before him.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The | LORD is King!**
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo- | ples 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.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**
before the LORD | when he comes,
when he comes to | judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with his truth.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace
to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you,
constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before
our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,
⁵because 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. ⁶And
you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the
word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that
you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and
in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For
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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the
wrath to come.

The word of the Lord.

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Anthem: “O Living God”

Andrew Baker

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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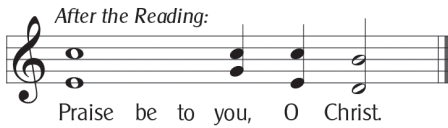
The Holy Gospel is written in the 22nd chapter of Matthew.



Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Chat

Sermon: "What We Should Give to God"

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spir - it.

Leader

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation

We lift them to the Lord.

Leader

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹hallowed be thy name,

²thy kingdom come,

³thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴Give us this day our daily bread;

⁵and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶and lead us not into temptation,

⁷but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

Remain seated after the distribution.

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May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: *Congregation:*

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Sortie”

Nicholas Lemmens

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

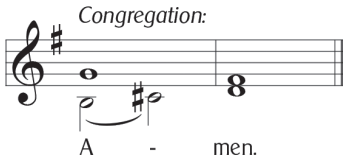
Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – Recovering at home
- Terry Eller – Recovering, in-home rehab
- Katie Funderburk – Recovering from surgery
- Johnny Jenkins (property brother) – Health concerns
- Michelle Linker – Recovering at home from surgery
- Mike Morris – Health concerns
- April Simmons – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

Wreaths will be placed in the National Cemetery at the VA Hospital on December 16th. Each wreath is \$17. Money may be put in an envelope in the offering plate (**be sure to mark on the envelope “wreaths”**) or given directly to Nicole Amos.

All money needs to be to Nicole by November 27th.

★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Girl Scout Troop 743 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a Veteran's grave this December at Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NC0277



Binns-Counts Christmas—Now is your opportunity to **donate clothing and household items** to the Binns-Counts Community Center. These may be used items (*good condition please*) or new items. Clothing may be for children or adults. We will accept them throughout October. Donation boxes are located in the narthex and in the hallway by the conference room. For large donations, please contact John or Carolyn Canup. **October 29th is the final day that items will be accepted.**

Toys and gifts for children will be collected until **Sunday, November 19th**. If you do not want to shop, you may make a donation and note on the envelope Binns-Counts.

Sunday, October 22

- Youth Group, 4pm
- No Men's Choir practice today
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, October 23

- Lutheran Men's meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 24

- Friendship Club, 10:30am
- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, October 25

- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, October 26

- Bible study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, October 28

- Trunk or Treat begins at 4pm at the picnic shelter

Sunday, October 29th, Reformation Sunday

- Wear red next Sunday!
- Nominations for new council members from congregation
- Christmas concert finalization meeting, 2pm, fellowship hall
- Kid's Christmas program finalization, 3pm, fellowship hall
- Youth Group, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
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RENDER TO CAESAR THE
THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S,
AND TO GOD THE
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Trunk or Treat—It's that time of the year for hotdogs, hayrides and treats! We will have our annual *Trunk or Treat* event on Saturday, October 28th, starting at 4:00pm. We would love for all members to invite someone to come and enjoy the fun.

The registration table will be near the picnic shelter/ballfield parking area to get your armband. There will be a *Guess How Much Candy is in the Jar* contest. Hotdogs will be served from 4:00–5:30 in the picnic shelter. Hayrides will line up on the cemetery side of the church from 4:30–6:15. South Salisbury Fire Department will bring a firetruck and station it in front of the church. Trunks will be open 5:30 – 6:30 in the front parking lot.

If you signed up for parking or food prep, please be at the picnic shelter by 3:30 to help. Volunteers are still needed—especially parking attendants and tractor/trailer drivers for the hayride. We could also use more help at the registration table.

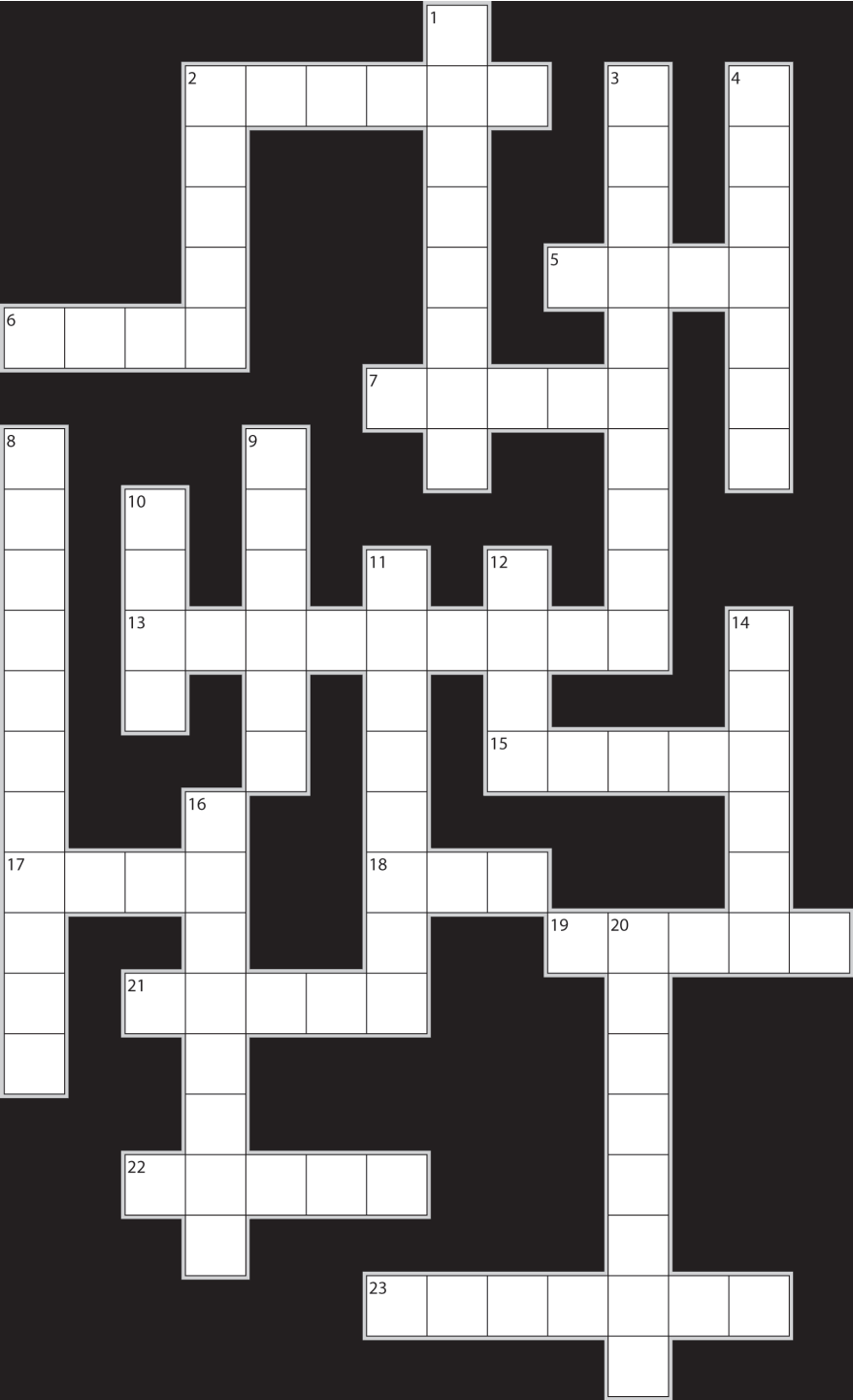
Drink donations may be left at the stage in the fellowship hall by Friday, October 27th. This will give us time to buy more if we don't have enough donated. And PLEASE consider signing up to do a trunk. The Youth & Family Committee will buy some candy to help the trunks out this year. There is great fellowship going on around those trunks. Do it for the children!

If you have any questions check with:

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Susan Bernhardt: 704-637-0155, srbernhardt@carolina.rr.com

Stewardship

General Fund Offering (10/8).....	\$4,728
General Fund Offering (10/15)	\$4,289
Other Offering (10/8)	\$1,037
Other Offering (10/15)	\$2,652
Sunday School Attendance (10/8)	56
Sunday School Attendance (10/15)	68
Worship Attendance (10/8)	144
Worship Attendance (10/15)	162
Children's Mission (4th quarter–Lutheran Military Veterans)	
\$125.50 last Sunday; quarter so far: \$306.50	



Pentecost 21A

*Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.
It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version
instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.*

ACROSS

2. His likeness and inscription were on the Roman coin.
5. What did Jesus ask for in the gospel reading?
6. The Lord is to be feared above all...
7. He is the Lord, and there is no...
13. They plotted against Jesus.
15. What will sing for joy in the forest?
17. Sing to the Lord, bless his...
18. Sing to the Lord this kind of song.
19. The Thessalonians turned from these to serve the living God.
21. The Pharisees tried to trip up Jesus about this annual levy.
22. The Lord will do this to the world in righteousness.
23. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be...

DOWN

1. The Lord creates well-being and...
2. Whose right hand did the Lord grasp?
3. What Jesus called the Pharisees
4. The Herodians claimed Jesus cared for no one's...
8. The Pharisee's disciples said Jesus was not swayed by these.
9. For their sake, God called Cyrus.
10. The Thessalonians had steadfast...
11. He wrote 1 Thessalonians along with Paul and Timothy.
12. God used Cyrus so people would know him from the east and the...
14. This came to the Thessalonians in word, in power, and in the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction.
16. What kind of coin was used in the parable?
20. The Lord forms light and creates...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Revelation 14:6-7; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36