



Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

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*“Living, sharing and teaching the Love of Christ as we reach out to all people”
“Viviendo, compartiendo y enseñando el Amor de Cristo mientras alcanzamos a toda persona”*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

AS WE GATHER

CITIZENS OF TWO KINGDOMS

Today we continue our five-week series on Authority in Matthew’s gospel. It is important to understand authority, because without it, we will never reach anyone with the gospel, nor are we likely to take God as seriously as we ought to. Today we consider how God’s will is manifest in the all of the authorities that we see: not only Jesus and the church, but also parents, governments, and workplaces. God is over it all, but it’s not always clear how it all fits together.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor: I cry to You, O Lord;

People: In the morning my prayer comes before You.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

People: and with Your glory all the day.

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: And praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

People: O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Pastor: He redeems your life from the pit
People: And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;
People: Let my cry come to You.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LORD JESUS CHRIST, BE PRESENT NOW; OASIS CHORALE

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine, And let Thy truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise, Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light That we may know Thy name aright;

Until we join the hosts that cry, "Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!"
And in the light of that blest place, Fore'er behold Thee face to face.

Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
Pastor: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
People: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Pastor: 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; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

CONFESSIOIN

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, we are so thankful that You have brought us together again, for this time of worship and meditation in Your Word.

Together: The Bible tells us “how good and pleasant it is, when brothers and sisters live together in unity.” (Psalm 133:1).

Pastor: As we gather this morning Lord, we are reminded that we are here because You have called us out of darkness into Your wonderful light (2 Peter 2:9). Assure us Lord, of Your mercy and ever-present forgiveness.

Together: Help us to look to the cross and remind us that Your Son Jesus Christ died and rose again, to give us the victory over our sins, over the devil and over this evil world.

Pastor: Help us to walk in Your path, the path You have set before us in Jesus Christ.

Together: Keep us close to You and close to one another. In Jesus’ name, we pray, Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dear friends, God’s Word tells us: “if we are in Christ, we are a new creation, the old has gone and the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, His death and resurrection, God assures us that our sins are forgiven. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Together: 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.

HYMN

BE THOU MY VISION, SELAH

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won!
May I reach heaven's joys, oh, bright heaven's sun.
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, oh Ruler of all.

Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Together: O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 45:1-7

45:1 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: 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.

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1THESSALONIANS1:1-10

^{1:1}Paul, 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.

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

People: **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 22:15-22

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

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22:15 Entonces salieron los fariseos y tramaron cómo tenderle a Jesús una trampa con sus mismas palabras. 16 Enviaron algunos de sus discípulos junto con los herodianos, los cuales le dijeron: —Maestro, sabemos que eres un hombre íntegro y que enseñas el camino de Dios de acuerdo con la verdad. No te dejas influir por nadie porque no te fijas en las apariencias. 17 Danos tu opinión: ¿Está permitido pagar impuestos al *césar o no? 18 Conociendo sus malas intenciones, Jesús replicó: —i*Hipócritas! ¿Por qué me tienden *trampas? 19 Muéstrenme la moneda para el impuesto. Y se la enseñaron. 20 —¿De quién son esta imagen y esta inscripción? — les preguntó. 21 —Del césar — respondieron. —Entonces denle al césar lo que es del césar y a Dios lo que es de Dios. 22 Al oír esto, se quedaron asombrados. Así que lo dejaron y se fueron.

+++ NUEVA VERSIÓN INTERNACIONAL +++

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

OFFERING HYMN

GIVE ME JESUS, JEREMY CAMP

In the morning, when I rise, In the morning, when I rise,
In the morning, when I rise; Give me Jesus.

Chorus: Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus

When I am alone, When I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus. **Chorus**

When I come to die, When I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Jesus. **Chorus 2x**

THE PRAYER 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.

SERMON HYMN

LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US; KOINE

Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;

And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the sufferings Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and offerings Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, You have bought us, with Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
Give us faith to trust You boldly, hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, with Your love our love renew.

SERMON

PASTOR ED GIESE

CLOSING HYMN

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD; CONCORDIA

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.

This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor, ✠ and give you peace.

People: Amen.

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE ALL THE GLORY ✠
✠ A DIOS SEA TODA LA GLORIA ✠