

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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*Godly Government: In God We Trust*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty God of power and might, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Thank you for your blessing this past week. Bless me today and in the week to come. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Every government and all authority figures have power only because God gave it to them. Christians support our government not because it is perfect or because we voted for it - we support it because it was instituted by God for his purposes. Jesus himself taught that we owe respect and obedience to our government, even when it doesn't align with our political preferences.

Christians struggle with this in a sinful world with sinful leaders. However, the existence of corrupt governments and evil rulers does not negate what Scripture says to be true. *"There is no authority except that which God has established."* When we talk about "godly government" we confess our belief that the King of kings is in perfect control of all the governments of this world, and that He works in all things for the eternal good of His dear children.

**A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:** Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God, but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter  
Piano/Organ: Robyn Stoller

Liturgist: Pastor Ryan Wolfe  
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# Order of Worship



## Introduction and Welcome

### HYMN: O God Most High, Your Saints Below

CW 772



1 O God Most High, your saints be - low  
2 Each rul - er you have put in place  
3 As na - tions rise and na - tions fall,



ap - pear be - fore your throne. We pray, good Lord, your  
en - dow with zeal and might to gov - ern well with -  
in you our hope shall stand, for Je - sus Christ is



fa - vor show and let your mer - cy o - ver - flow  
out dis - grace, while we as cit - i - zens em - brace  
King of all and in his name we hum - bly call:



this land we call our own, up - held by you a - lone.  
en - deav - ors good and right, and live as salt and light.  
Lord, o - pen wide your hand and bless our na - tive land.

*Please stand.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.** (*Psalm 32*)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.  
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.  
We have done those things that we should not have done,  
And we have not done those things that we should have done.  
Have mercy on us Lord!  
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

Daniel 1:3-21

*Daniel and his friends faithfully served the government that God had placed over them—even though this was the government that had conquered their city and carried them off into exile.*

<sup>3</sup>Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility— <sup>4</sup>young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. <sup>5</sup>The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service.

<sup>6</sup>Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>7</sup>The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

<sup>8</sup>But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup>Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, <sup>10</sup>but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."

<sup>11</sup>Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, <sup>12</sup>"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." <sup>14</sup>So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup>At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. <sup>16</sup>So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

<sup>17</sup>To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

<sup>18</sup>At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup>The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. <sup>20</sup>In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

<sup>21</sup>And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

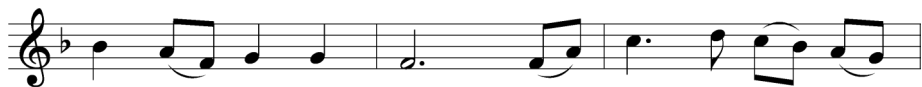
**Psalm of the Day: Sing to the LORD, Ye Distant Lands** *Psalm 96D*



1 Sing to the LORD, ye dis - tant lands, ye tribes of ev - 'ry  
2 Let heav'n pro-claim the joy - ful day; let joy on earth be  
3 Be - hold, he comes, he comes to bless the na - tions as their



tongue; his new - dis - cov - ered grace de - mands a  
seen; let cit - ies shine in bright ar - ray, and  
God, to show the world his right - eous - ness, and



new and no - bler song. Tell all the na - tions,  
fields in cheer - ful green. Let joy a - bove all  
send his truth a - broad. But when his voice shall



"Je - sus reigns, God's own al - might - y Son; his pow'r the  
joys sur - prise the is - lands of the sea; ye moun - tains  
raise the dead, and bid the world draw near, how will the



sink - ing world sus - tains, and grace sur - rounds his throne."  
sink; ye val - leys rise; pre - pare the LORD his way.  
guilt - y na - tions dread to see their judge ap - pear.

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:1-7

*St. Paul leaves no loopholes. Everyone is to submit to the governing authorities precisely because they have been established by God.*

<sup>1</sup>Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup>Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling

against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup>For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup>For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup>This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup>Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

*Jesus teaches us to give the government what belongs to the government. But we are not to give to the government what belongs only to God.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup>Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup>and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

<sup>21</sup>“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## **Children’s Devotion**

# Hymn of the Day: Praise the Almighty

CW 619 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the  
of him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as  
wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful  
be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
in dis - tress, the wid - ows and the fa - ther -  
an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
less. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Ghost! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Sermon

Based on Romans 13

### "In God We Trust"

Please stand after the sermon.



# THANKSGIVING

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

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

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**




 **Connect Card**

*Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.*

*We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.*



 **Give Online**

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



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, ho -

san - na in the high - est!

### Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Be seated.

### Communion Distribution

*For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.*

*Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.*

### (5pm / 8am) Hymn: Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

CW 671



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which  
2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in  
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is  
4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not  
5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -  
you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -  
near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -  
rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the  
heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -

ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.  
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.  
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

*Refrain*

O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood

be for my soul the high - est good.

**(10:30am) Anthem: How Beautiful**

*By T. Paris*

1. How beautiful the hands that served  
 the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
 How beautiful the feet that walked  
 the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
 How beautiful is the body of Christ.
  
2. How beautiful the heart that bled,  
 that took all my sin and bore it instead.  
 How beautiful the tender eyes  
 that chose to forgive and never despise.  
 How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice  
 that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price.

3. How beautiful the feet that bring  
 the sound of good news and the love of the King.  
 How beautiful the hands that serve  
 the wine and the bread and the children of earth.  
 How beautiful is the body of Christ.

*After the distribution please stand at the pastor's direction.*

## Response of Thanksgiving

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

*Psalms 118:1*

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Corinthians 11:26*

## Closing Prayer & Blessing

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

CW 775 sts. 1, 4



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!  
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

## **Fellowship & Spiritual Growth**

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

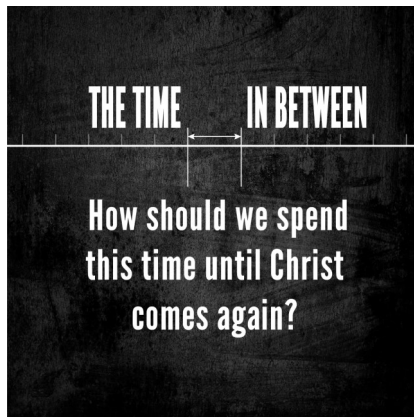
## **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: A Time For Steadfast Faith

Bible Readings: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23, Romans 33:19-28, Matthew 10:16-23

Hymns: 820, 864, 877, 640

## **New Worship Series Begins Next Week!**



In the great timeline of human history, there are two significant points: the first time Christ came to our world to win salvation and the second time Christ will come to establish his everlasting kingdom.

We live in the time in between those two points. It is a time of tension. We know that peace and perfection are ours already because of what Jesus did the first time he came but we do not enjoy a peaceful and perfect existence yet. As the church year draws to a close, Scripture points us toward the end of time when Christ will come again. Until then Christ teaches us how to live in the time in between.

October 29th: Reformation (observed) – A Time for Steadfast Faith

November 5th: All Saints' Day (observed) – A Time to Focus on Future Glory

November 12th: 24th Sunday after Pentecost – A Time for Watchfulness

November 19th: 25th Sunday after Pentecost – A Time for Faithful Service

November 26th: Last Sunday of the Church Year – A Time to Yearn for the End

**See the series intro at [www.salemlutheran.org/preview](http://www.salemlutheran.org/preview).**

# *Welcome to worship!*

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or left on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

