

**"GIVE TO CAESAR  
WHAT IS CAESAR'S,  
AND TO GOD  
WHAT IS GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NIV



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## As We Gather

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, “I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God.” In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, “He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.” Finally, in today’s Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to “render . . . to God the things that are God’s.” Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

#### Hymn

575 – Before the Lord We Bow

#### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution

Ps 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Is 45:5, adapted

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**C** according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**C** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**P** As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

**C** We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

- P** We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart
- C** **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**
- P** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- C** **let the field exult, and everything in it!**
- P** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- C** **before the LORD, for He comes,**
- P** for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.
- C** **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**
- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ The Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8

- P** I lift up my eyes to the hills.
- C** **From where does my help come?**
- P** My help comes from the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** He will not let your foot be moved;
- C** **he who keeps you will not slumber.**
- P** Behold, he who keeps Israel
- C** **will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- C** **he will keep your life.**
- P** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
- C** **from this time forth and forevermore.**

## Glory be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - ginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be for - ev - er more. A - men.

## Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Praise

250 (1, 4) - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of  
2 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly  
all, we bow be - fore Thee. All on  
Spir - it, three we name Thee; Though in  
earth Thy scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a -  
es - sence on - ly one, Un - di - vid - ed God we



dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy vast do - main,  
claim Thee And, a - dor - ing, bend the knee

Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
While we own the mys - ter - y.

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...  
... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

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.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 96:1-9

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**C** **sing to the LORD, all the earth!**  
**P** Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**C** **tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
**P** Declare his glory among the nations,  
**C** **his marvelous works among all the peoples!**  
**P** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
**C** **he is to be feared above all gods.**  
**P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
**C** **but the LORD made the heavens.**  
**P** Splendor and majesty are before him;  
**C** **strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**  
**P** Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
**C** **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**  
**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
**C** **bring an offering, and come into his courts!**  
**P** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
**C** **tremble before him, all the earth!**

## Epistle Reading

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.

## Alleluia

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

## Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

## Hymn

442 – Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us



## Sermon Text

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <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.



*Sermon*

## Render – But Don't Surrender – To Caesar

### Offertory

Musical notation for the offertory hymn, consisting of five staves of music in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your  
pres - ence, and take not Your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va - tion; and up -  
hold me with Your free spir - it. A - men.

### Hymn

400 – Take My Life and Let It Be



## Offering

### Offering Hymn

441 (1-2)

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What -  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As  
e'er the gift may be; All that we have is  
stew - ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as Thou  
Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

## General Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn

764 – God of Grace and God of Glory

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

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### Upcoming Schedule

October 22	8:00 am	Worship Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Worship Service (Winter Haven)
October 29	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service
November 5	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**Upcoming Meetings:** The following is our schedule of meetings through the annual meeting in January:

- **November 5** – Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- **November 19** – Board of Education
- **December 3** – Board of Elders/Church Council
- **December 17** – Board of Trustees/Church Council
- **January 7** – Annual Voters' Meeting

**MDF Shortage:** When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000 and has had an impact on other planned MDF projects. Currently the balance of the MDF is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. We have already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings that we might continue to carry out the work the LORD has set before us and which we have decided to do as a church body.

**Nominations for Immanuel Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites "all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession" (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year. The position would be best served by someone who is teacher trained and has the ability to teach high school (if nominee is male or female) and college classes (if nominee is male) primarily in social studies

(history/geography), elementary education methods, and other potential disciplines commencing with the 2024-25 academic year. Those submitting nominations would need to include information regarding the nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in technology expertise, extracurricular activities, or administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Daniel Schierenbeck concludes on June 30, 2024. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 20, 2023 (letters postmarked November 10, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org)

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN has accepted the call from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL is considering the joint call from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. <> Pastor Em. David Baker has received and accepted the call from Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX to be vacancy pastor.

<b>Fruits of Faith</b>	<b>October 8, 2023</b>	<b>WH: 26</b>
<u>Immanuel Home</u>		<u>\$512.25</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,472.25</b>

## ✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

October 23 - October 28

**Monday: John 15:1-4** – It is necessary for the branch to remain attached to the vine in order to bear fruit. It is necessary for the disciple to remain connected in Christ in order to produce fruit. Those that are in Christ may still go through pruning so that their strength to bear fruit does not go to waste.

**Tuesday: John 15:5-8** – Jesus urges His followers to remain in Him that they might bear much fruit. Those who disconnect themselves from Him serve no real purpose in the vineyard, but the Father is glorified by those who are in His Son.

**Wednesday: Romans 14:1-9** – Both the strong and the weak in faith should not to look down upon or judge the other. Differences on diet could disturb joint meals, and differences in the observance of days might cause problems in worship, but remembering Him for whom they live and die will give proper focus.

**Thursday: Proverbs 2:1-8** – Seeking for wisdom and understanding is a noble quest, which is fulfilled in turning to the Lord, from whose mouth comes knowledge and understanding (v6). Stay connected to Him.

**Friday: Jeremiah 31:31-34** – The new covenant is not like the old, for the God's saving Word is inscribed on the heart and brings both forgiveness and the knowledge of God.

**Saturday: Acts 2:33-42** – Peter's preaching on Pentecost cut to the heart of his hearers, and many received forgiveness from the Christ whom they had helped to crucify.