



21st Sunday after Pentecost

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

In today's gospel passage from Matthew 22:15-22, the Pharisees attempt to trap Jesus by asking whether it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus responds with the famous statement, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This interaction shows the tension around the question - whose money is it anyway?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need:

L: Oh God, in fear we grumble in our time of need,

C: But your abundance and provision are sure.

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.

L: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.

L: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.

L: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.

L: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.

L: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.

L: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.

L: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.

L: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.

GATHERING SONG: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Tag: *Worship Your holy name, Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

Ending: Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name
Worship Your holy name, Worship Your holy name

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GREETING: 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God in whose image we are made, by whose Word we live, an to whose comfort we
will return. Make us wise and generous stewards who neither hoard nor squander our
earthly gifts, but who share all we have in mutuality with one another. Make us your hands,
feet, and face in this world, that we may always remember who and whose we are. In the
name of Christ and by the power of His Spirit. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23 *The glory of God revealed to Moses*

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 *A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God*

Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.** Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PROMISELAND KIDS SINGING / CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Rod

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"I Offer My Life"**

Verse 1

All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before You, O Lord;
All my regrets, all my acclaim, the joy and the pain, I'm making them Yours.

Chorus

Lord, I offer my life to You, ev'rything I've been through, use it for Your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You, lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice,
Lord, I offer You my life.

Verse 2

Things in the past, things yet unseen, wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;
All of my hopes, all of my plans, my heart and my hands are lifted to You.

Bridge What can we give that You have not given;

And what do we have that is not already Yours?

All we possess are these lives we're living, and that's what we give to You, Lord.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: God of grace, C: hear our prayer.*

Ruby Sue Albertsen

Parker Farland

Tim Schmidt

Rolf Anderson

Alice Jones

Jennie Spencer

Hazel Barloon

Joyce Kasper

Marie Thayer

Liam Bartleson

Chris McCormick

Ernie Uetz

Hayden Despenas

Kris Monson

Missionary Karen Anderson

Marion Eastvold

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Connie Nyhus

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Jesus Medley" [Jesus, Name Above all Names, Open Our Eyes, Lord]

Bell Choir

OFFERTORY: "**Give Thanks**"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God of power, God of plenty,

C: all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION: "**The Church of Christ, in Every Age**"

#729

"I Come with Joy"

#482

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING SONG: "**My Life Flows On in Endless Song**"

#763

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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