

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

The Rev. Bruce Stam

(Please stand)

PRAYERS 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

BENEDICTION

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG

"Take My Life and Let it Be" LSB 783

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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THE CONNECTION

October 22, 2023

10:30am

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG *"Jesus in the Morning"*

1. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,
Jesus at the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down.
2. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning,
Love Him at the noontime,
Love Him, Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down.
3. Serve Him, Serve him, Serve Him in the morning,
Serve Him at the noontime,
Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down.
4. Thank Him, Thank Him, Thank Him in the morning,
Thank Him in the noontime,
Thank Him, Thank Him, Thank Him when the sun goes down.
5. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning,
Praise Him in the noontime,
Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down.

*Text: traditional, Tune: Jesus in the Morning
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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

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

C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING *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."

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING 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.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22:15-22*

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 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.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

STATEMENT OF FAITH *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

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" Emma Olson
(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)