Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

“Give therefore ...

to God the things that are God’s.”

Matthew 22:21
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Order of Worship**

Piano Prelude "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"  
Greeting and Announcement Opening Hymn: #759 (vs. 1,2,3), My Faith Looks Up to Thee"  

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream

Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and dis-
guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
trust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!
The Apostolic Greeting

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7
The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: 2 I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, 6 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

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. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you

Children's Message

Anthem Hymn #519 "Open Up Your Eyes" Israeli Folk Song
Sung by: Gloriann Jones, Lucie Hirmina and Jan Gunderson

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Sermon Hymn #760 (vs. 1,2,3), "O Christ the Same"

O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years remain,

2 O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

3 O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
O living Word, the source of all creation,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.
What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms.
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms.

what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
i have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,
Dismissal:

Organ Postlude: Bourée and Gavotte

Georg Philipp Telemann

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