

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## October 22nd, 2023

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### AS WE GATHER

One of the most famous sayings of Jesus appears to provide a neat and tidy divide between the worldly power of government and the spiritual power of the Church. Is that really what Christ is doing? Is He marking the divide or is He commending all things and the ultimate authority to the saving purpose of our heavenly Father? The things that belong to Caesar appear to be valuable in the moment but are temporary and temporal. The things of God are everything—all things in heaven and earth. They are eternal. In reality, there is nothing that does not belong to God, although the Lord assigns different people with the different responsibilities of church and state. In this question of who is in charge, God makes it clear that He is always in charge and always working for our salvation.

Render to Caesar  
the things that  
are Caesar's, and  
to God the things  
that are God's.  
*Matthew 22:21*

Opening Hymn: LSB #726 “Evening and Morning”

Opening Versicles

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Psalm Reading

*Psalm 96:1–9; antiphon: v. 9a*

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 45:1–7*

Epistle Reading

*1 Thessalonians 1*

Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew 22:15–22*

Hymn of the Day: LSB #940 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

*sts. 1–5*

Children’s Message/Sunday School Dismissal

Sermon

Offering

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Lord’s Prayer

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Apostles’ Creed

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Versicles

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Collect of the Day

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Benedicamus

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Blessing

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Closing Hymn: LSB #782 “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

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