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20th Sunday After Pentecost
“The Anointed One”

Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!

We Gather In The Presence Of God

“The Anointed One”

Isaiah 45:1-7

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. Cyrus is even called the anointed one of God. This becomes confusing as the Hebrew word Isaiah uses for the word anointed is “Messiah”. Was Cyrus a messiah? In the sense that Cyrus was used by God to accomplish God's purposes, we can say “yes”. However, in the sense of being The Messiah, we must emphatically declare “No!”. The true Messiah will be one who will submit to the true God, the God who creates and sustains all things. Thank you for joining us in worship.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Lord, we worship You in the splendor of Your holiness. We ascribe to You glory due Your name. We bring ourselves as offerings to You because we are Your people. We belong to You, our matchless Creator. On this day, we seek Your face. We are here to worship You, and You alone. Be with us now, and may our worship rise like sweet incense to You.

People: **In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray, amen.**

Opening Song – Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Sing praise to God, the highest good,
the author of creation,
the God of love who understood
our need for his salvation.
With healing balm our souls he fills
and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim
aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
for God is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory!

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640-1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-1897, adapt.



We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. - Silence is kept for reflection. - Faithful God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

God Speaks Through His 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.

Pastor: ¹Thus 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: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, 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 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so 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. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things. ... This is God's Word

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Pastor: ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. ... This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message Song – Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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Message

“The Anointed One”
Isaiah 45:1-7

We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Who is like the Lord?

People: There is no one!

Pastor: Idols crash at the feet of the Lord. There is no one like Him. Let's profess our faith together!

People: There is no one like our God. He hung the stars and brightened the skies. He shaped the world within His hands. He stilled the seas and spoke life into existence. There is no one like our God. There is no one like the Son. He reached deep and wide to save our souls with His unrelenting love. He gave us a second chance and extended undeserved grace to us all. He promises to return for us one day, and we cannot wait for the day! There is no one like the Son. There is no one like the Holy Spirit. No height nor depth, no life or death can separate us from His love. He is with us always and will be to the end of the age. There is no one like the Holy Spirit. There is no one like the Trinity- the Father, Son, and Spirit, alive and three in one. Amen!

The Prayers

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. - Silent Prayer - We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within

our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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

Pastor: I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;

People: **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.**

Pastor: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

People: **He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's,

People: **and to God the things that are God's.**

Pastor: The blessing of God almighty—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—strengthen and preserve you, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Song - Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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Birthday Blessings To - Bob Atkins on Saturday

Anniversary Blessings To - Mark & Laureen Schneeberger on Tuesday

Worship Services – There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

Live Stream - Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZEZpQkZNBEx5VmtUYTBKUnlLQjJkZz09>

Meeting ID: 738 5530 5624

Passcode: plcmarin

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(available beginning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning)

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Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Communion – After worship from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. You may also call Pastor Adams to make an appointment.

Carport Fellowship – Sunday, October 25, 10:15 a.m. (Next Sunday)

Time Change – Turn your clocks back one hour on November 1

Weekly Devotional Helps
October 18 - October 24, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – October 19

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 18:1-22
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday – October 20

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 19:1-20
Matthew 15:1-20

Wednesday – October 21

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 20:1-20
Matthew 15:21-39

Thursday – October 22

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 21:1-23
Matthew 16:1-12

Friday – October 23

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 24:10-25:10
Matthew 16:13-28

Saturday – October 24

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 26:17-26:19
Matthew 17:1-13

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Commemorations

October 18 - Luke, Evangelist: Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

October 23 - James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62: One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

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