

*Worship outdoors at Upper Camp, Camp Nawakwa at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.
1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307*

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



***St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA***

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

WELCOME! It is good for us to be together to worship!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! As we gather today, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation, we are able to celebrate community with each other as well as our connectedness with the world around us.

As we come together today at Camp Nawakwa, we know that everyone is not able to worship with us today because of mobility and / or distance to the Camp; and there may be others who prefer to keep further quarantined from other persons, even at an outdoor venue. We honor and value whatever decision you have made for yourselves for this weekend.

This outdoor service will be an opportunity to worship together around Word and Sacrament, still honoring all social distancing protocols having been put in place by this congregation for the safety and health of each one of us. We ask you to honor these protocols and others. We also ask that you add your family's names to our attendance clipboard at the back of the pavilion.

Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of St. James! Thank you for your trust and patience in respecting the decisions of the staff and church leadership as we now seek to bring together in this way the community of faith we have known and have come to appreciate.

Please stand as able and silence all cell phones and pagers. Masks must be worn at all times.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Faithful God,

C **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 judgement 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Pastoral Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Holy Gospel: 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.

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.

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection

Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions conclude: "God of mercy," our response: "**hear our prayer.**"

Offering Prayer

☩ *Let us pray,* God of goodness and growth,
☩ all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts we have given, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog

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| P | The Lord be with you. | C | And also with you. |
| P | Lift up your hearts. | C | We lift them to the Lord. |
| P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | C | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution of Elements

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

Blessing

- P** The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lift up in prayers

Harry	Marc	Jean	Jennifer
Shirley	Fred	Lou	Tina
John Michael	Laura	Nicholas	Tommy
Courtney	Ed	Sam	
Greg	Linda	Sean	

We celebrate the birth of Brant Thomas Eberhart, son of Abby and Bryan Eberhart, June 9, 2020.

We celebrate the birth of Maeve Lisbeth Re, daughter of Austin and Ashley Re, October 1, 2020.

Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Leedy, by her husband, Bob.

Participating in Worship

Presider: The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Music: Sharon Kaya, Tim Kyner, Andy Pelc

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