

## Welcome & Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** God's mercies are new each morning and God's purposeful presence is found in every season. 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.**

### Kyrie

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### Hymn of Praise

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### 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. Amen**

### First Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

### Gospel Acclamation

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### Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-22

### Sermon

**Pastor Steve Thompson**

### Confession of Faith

*"I Believe in a God"*

**Screen**

### Prayers of the Church

### Sustaining Hope

**Molly Nefstead**

### Offering Hymn

*"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*

**ELW # 691**

### Offertory Prayer

### Holy Communion

**P:** Come with open hands and eager hearts, for the body and blood of life are given for you.

### Distribution Hymns

**ELW # 583, 680, 686**

### Prayer after Communion

**P:** O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"*

**ELW # 684**

## Worship Notes

**Welcome Visitors!** Please sign the guest book, located at the church entrance. Please feel free to take a visitor packet home with you.

**All are welcome to the Lord's Table** We believe that Christ is present in the Sacrament, renewing God's promise of forgiveness and eternal life.

*Please place the hymnals in the racks in back of the pews, following worship.  
No food or beverages in the sanctuary, Please.*

### The Week Ahead. . .

#### Monday

#### Tuesday

5:00pm

CoDA

7:00pm

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#### Wednesday

12:00pm

Bible Study-Library

6:00pm

Children's Choirs

6:00pm

5th-8th~Feed My

Starving Children

7:30pm

Adult Choir

8:00pm

High School Youth

Group

#### Thursday

8:00pm

AA

#### Friday

#### Saturday

9:00am

3rd Grade Bible

Retreat

#### Sunday

8:30am

Coffee Fellowship

## First Reading

### 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace!

Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

## Gospel

### Matthew 22:15–22

That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it."

They handed him a silver piece.

"This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."

The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

# Hope Lutheran Church

## 20th Sunday of Pentecost

October 22, 2017

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.



9:00 Worship

10:15 Education/Fellowship

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**Sent** to be the presence of Christ in the world