

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 24

A Setback for a Setup

October 18, 2020



AS WE GATHER

Countless times during Christ's mission in human flesh for the sins of the world, the Pharisees and others tried to test, trap, and trick Jesus, thinking He would suffer a setback to His ministry. Time and time again, Jesus in His divine wisdom and teaching would instead turn those times into a setup for teaching about many things regarding life on earth and the kingdom of heaven. We, too, face times of testing, trapping, and tricking, though not from Pharisees, but from this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh, and often we face setbacks. We are wise to turn to the one who has set us up for forgiveness, mercy, and a new life through His own life, death, and rising. Rejoicing in His grace, in response to His love, we faithfully, "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21).

✘ PREPARATION ✘

HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *LSB 791 vs. 1, 2, 3*

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed,
Sing to the aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.**

**O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ✘ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 96:1–9*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
People: **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
People: **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
People: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.
People: **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Leader: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart
People: **and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
People: **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Leader: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
People: **before the LORD, for He comes,**

Leader: for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.
People: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

✘ **WORD** ✘

HYMN OF PRAISE “Weave”

Refrain: **Weave, weave, weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together.
Weave us together, together in love.**

**We are many textures, we are many colors, each one different from the other.
But we are entwined with one another in one great tapestry. REFRAIN**

**We are different instruments playing our own melodies, each one tuning to a different key.
But we are all playing in harmony, in one great symphony. REFRAIN**

**A moment ago, still we did not know our unity, only diversity.
Now the Christ in me greets the Christ in thee in one great family. REFRAIN**

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 45:1–7*

The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10* The Thessalonians' faith and example

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Colossians 2:10*

Alleluia. You have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15–22*

Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

**We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may
One day be restored.**

**Refrain: And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love.
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians
By our love.**

**We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the news
That God is in our land. *Refrain***

**We will work with each other,
We will work side-by-side.
We will work with each other,
We will work side-by-side.
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity
And save each one’s pride. *Refrain***

SERMON “Rejoicing in His Power in Us!” Pastor James Schroeder

CREED *Nicene Creed* *as found in back of hymnal*

People: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING & PRAYER

(Members and Visitors: We would appreciate it if you would please take this time to fill out and pass the "Who's In The Pew" folders, located at the center aisle end of each pew.)

Leader: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, symbols of your gracious love.

People: **Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

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.**

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.

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

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Blessed are You, almighty God, for You sent Your Son into this world to rescue us and make for Yourself an everlasting kingdom. We give to You what is Yours, for You give to us what we don't deserve through Your perfect love, and give us what we need through the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" *LSB 644 vs. 1, 2*

**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the warth;
Her charter of salvation:
On Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.**

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