

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees met together to think of a way to trap Jesus into saying something for which they could accuse him. They decided to send some of their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to ask him this question: "Teacher, we know how honest you are. You teach about the way of God regardless of the consequences. You are impartial and don't play favorites. Now tell us what you think about this: Is it right to pay taxes to the Roman government or not?"

But Jesus knew their evil motives. **"You hypocrites!"** he said. **"Whom are you trying to fool with your trick questions? Here, show me the Roman coin used for the tax."** When they handed him the coin, he asked, **"Whose picture and title are stamped on it?"** Caesar's," they replied. **"Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to him. But everything that belongs to God must be given to God."** His reply amazed them, and they went away.

*WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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*Welcome to
Zion's Reformed
Church!
We're glad you're here!*

We welcome Rev. Glenn Sadler to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Rev. Dr. Thomas D. and Janet Garner and Barbara Swift, by the Garner Family.

Ushering today are John Enterline, Jodie Enterline, Sherry Winner and Pat Seiple.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for refreshments.

Enclosed with your bulletin today is a Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine, by Rose Marie Berger.

Large Print Bulletins and Children's Activity Books are available in the back of the sanctuary. Also, seat cushions and copies of the sermon. Please help yourself or ask an usher.

The Good Shepherd Center requests for **OCTOBER CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 4: FALL FESTIVAL FROM 10:00-2:00. CRAFTERS, LUNCH AND CHINESE AUCTION.

NOVEMBER 5: LAKE ERIE ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING AT COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH IN ERIE BEGINS AT 3:00. PLEASE LET JULIE KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.

NOVEMBER 7: ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP AT 2:00 IN THE ANDERSON LOUNGE.

NOVEMBER 7: GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER FULL BOARD MEETING AT 7:00.

NOVEMBER 8: CONSISTORY AT 6:00.

NOVEMBER 13: MINISTRY OF SERVICE AND MISSIONS MEETING AT 6:00.

NOVEMBER 19: THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER. BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND THE HAM WILL BE PROVIDED. AFTER DINNER, JULIE ENTERLINE SCOTT AND ELAINA SCOTT WILL TALK ABOUT THEIR RECENT TRIP TO TANZANIA.

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ON NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 2. EITHER SOMEONE WILL CALL YOU TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT or YOU CAN CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 456 "More Love to You, O Christ"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22: 15-22 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "A Question of Allegiance!"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "We Declare Your Majesty" Malcom duPlessis

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 75 "Lord, Make Me More Holy"

*BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth; and let it begin with me.

*THE POSTLUDE "The Master Hath Come" arr. by John Purifoy

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Glenn Sadler

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

October 22, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Stockner, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Sophie Powell, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Kurt Kaiser

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens, God is the Lord of all life.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: God requires our faithfulness and our service.

People: We reach out to others with the same kind of love with which God has touched our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

People: Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
 you: sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend - you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra-cious or - dain - ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, you are our shepherd, and yet we want.
 We lie down when we could act,
 We stir the pot when we could offer peace,
 We wander tempting paths instead of following you.
 We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.
 We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,
 We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.
 We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,
 So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE - KYRIE

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 World without end. Amen. Amen.**

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

CHOIR ANTHEM "Shepherd Me, O Gentle Lamb" Joseph Martin