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**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity [St. Michael's Tide]—  
 The Sunday of the Denarius--"Resisting the Wicked World"  
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But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." St. Matthew 22.18-19 [ESV]

**WELCOME TO FAITH! GOD'S HOUSE, YOUR HOME.** Ласкаво просимо до церкви! Our promise to you is this: God's word preached directly from the Bible, the Sacraments administered as our Lord gave them, a worship service that follows the historic practices of the Church, and a warm and friendly welcome. *We ask our visitors to sign the guest book in the entryway and to return again soon.* Our pastor is ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

**ORDER OF SERVICE—Order of Holy Communion—hymnal pg. 15**

**THE PREPARATION**

- Pre-service prayers (hymnal pg. 4; 102-109; 118; 170)
- Hymn #605 The World Is Very Evil
- At the final stanza, the congregation turns facing the processional crucifix***
- Invocation hymnal pg. 15
- Confession/ Absolution pg. 15-16

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD—Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us**

- Introit: (1 Tim. 6.15, 16 a, c; Psalm 33.13,15-16,18,21)
- P: He who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords Who alone has immortality,
- C: to Him be honor and everlasting power.**
- P: The Lord looks from heaven; **C: He sees all the sons of men.**
- P: He fashions their hearts individually;
- C: He considers all their works.**
- P: No king is saved by the multitude of an army;
- C: a mighty man is not delivered by great strength.**
- P: Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
- C: on those who hope in His mercy.**
- P: For our heart shall rejoice in Him,
- C: because we have trusted in His holy name**
- Gloria Patri [Glory to the Father]* pg. 16

- Kyrie [Lord]* pg. 17
- Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the Highest]* pg. 17-19

Salutation/ Collect pg. 19

O Lord, we beseech You to forgive Your people their offenses, so that, by Your bountiful goodness, we may be delivered from the bonds of our sins that we have brought upon ourselves because of our frailty; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**Epistle** Philippians 3. 17-21[EHV]

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup>To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup>By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

- Gradual: (Psalm 145.10-11)
- P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C: All Your works shall praise You, O Lord; and Your saints shall bless You.**

- P: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power. Hallelujah!
- Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

**Gospel**— St. Matthew 22. 15-22 [EHV] pg. 21

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and plotted together how to trap [Jesus] in his words. <sup>16</sup>They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are truthful and teach the way of God in accord with the truth. You are not concerned about gaining anyone's approval because you are not

swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>So tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus knew their evil purpose and said, "Why are you testing me, hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax."

They brought him a denarius.

<sup>20</sup>He asked them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

<sup>21</sup>"Caesar's," they replied to him.

Then he said to them, "Therefore give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. Then they left him and went away.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn: #413 I Walk in Danger All Way

Sermon— St. Matthew 22. 15-22

*Show Me The Coin*

1. By this Jesus points to the danger of our spiritual enemies
2. Jesus points to the image

*[Silence for meditation]*



Offertory

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Offering

**Stewardship thought— Philippians 3:19:** *"Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things."* There is the danger in setting our minds on earthly things, serving mammon, and caring more for our bodily comfort than our spiritual well-being. God does not tell us to be faithful and generous in our stewardship of the things of this earth to ruin our fun. Rather, He tells us to give generously to teach us how to make sure the things of this world do not lay a hold of our hearts.

### The Prayer of the Church

Let us bring our petitions and prayers before the throne of God our Father for the needs of the Church, the world and all people.

*Brief silence*

For hearts and minds guided by the wisdom of the Lord proclaimed to us through His Word, that we may ever turn to Him in repentance and faith;

put aside all bitterness, malice and grudges; and rejoice in the salvation won for us through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors of the Church, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Chris, our district president; Carl, our circuit visitor; and our pastor, that they may be granted wisdom and faithfulness in their task of the proclamation of the Word of the Lord, and that we may ever seek to hear of His mercy and love toward us in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those serving in positions of authority in our government and communities, including Donald, our president; Andrew, our governor; and for all those serving in our military, that the Lord may grant them wisdom, integrity and a spirit of humility in their service, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those suffering in body, mind and soul; for all those facing surgery and recovery; and for all in need of comfort and consolation, especially those of our congregation and our loved ones that the Lord would strengthen them in their afflictions, give them healing according to His will, and grant them His peace in the midst of their trials, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our brothers and sisters who face persecution throughout the world, that they may boldly confess the name of Christ in the midst of all opposition and entrust themselves and their families to the gracious and merciful care of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For wisdom and prudence, that we may ever render unto the Lord all those things which belong to Him, hear His Word with thankfulness and praise, and eagerly partake of the Lord's Supper in repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have gone before us in the faith and rest now with Christ and for their good confession, let us give thanks and ask that we, too, be given grace to await with joy the fulfillment of our own heavenly citizenship at the resurrection of all flesh upon the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things, and all else that is necessary for our life and salvation, grant to us, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood*

Preface

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<i>Sanctus</i> (Holy)	pg. 26
The Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution	pg. 27
<i>Agnus Dei</i> (Lamb of God)	pg. 28
<i>The Distribution of our Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith</i>	

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** *Thank the Lord and sing His praise!* With deep thanksgiving for the gift of forgiveness received with our Savior's body and blood, we also express our deep desire to celebrate the sacrament according to God's Will. This also includes oneness in doctrine. Thus the congregations of our Missouri Synod have promised to practice closed communion. Therefore we invite to the Lord's Table members in good standing of this or another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are such a guest and desire the holy Sacrament, please speak with the pastor before the service.

<i>Nunc Dimittis</i> (Now You dismiss) and Thanksgiving	pg. 29
Salutation/ Benedicamus/ Benediction	pg. 31
Hymn: #575 Before the Lord We Bow	

**The congregation faces the processional cross as it leaves**  
*Silent Prayer*

**TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today—Coffee Hour	after service
Tuesday— Newsletter Deadline	
Wednesday—Thanksgiving Eve Service	7 pm
06 December—Advent Service—Feast of St. Nicholas	7 pm
<b>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</b> Virginia Butler, Dan and Jean Fraser, Jonna Holden, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl.	



**PRAYER:** O Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that up to now You have graciously given us peace and have spared us from war and foreign domination. We pray that You would continue to give us Your grace so that we may live in fear of You and in accord with Your will so that by our sin we do not give cause for war and other similar punishments. Govern and lead our government so it may not hinder, but instead promote, obedience to You, so that under its governance we may enjoy blessing and happiness all the more. Amen.

**EPISTLE: Philippians 3. 17-21** We who are baptized into Christ, and believe in Him, are no longer called citizens of earth, but through Baptism we have been born as citizens of heaven. Therefore we should also regard ourselves and walk, as those who belong and are at home there, and meanwhile await the Savior who will bring down to us eternal righteousness, life, honor, and glory from heaven, and by His coming will make our poor, wretched, pitiful, vile body so beautiful, pure, bright, and clear and full of glory, that it will resemble and be like His own immortal, glorious body, not as He was when He hung on the cross and was laid in the tomb—streaming with blood and pale as death, but as He is now, glorified at the right hand of the Father. Therefore we should not be afraid of the fact that we must lay aside this body and be stripped of its honor, righteousness and life, and let it be executed by death and consumed by the grave. Rather, we should have joyful hope and expectation, that He may simply come soon and deliver us from this poor, stinking filth. For we are in His hands as clay in the hands of a potter, so that from this stinking piece of earth He is able to make a beautiful, bright, new vessel, or body, clearer and more beautiful than the sun. [Spangenberg]

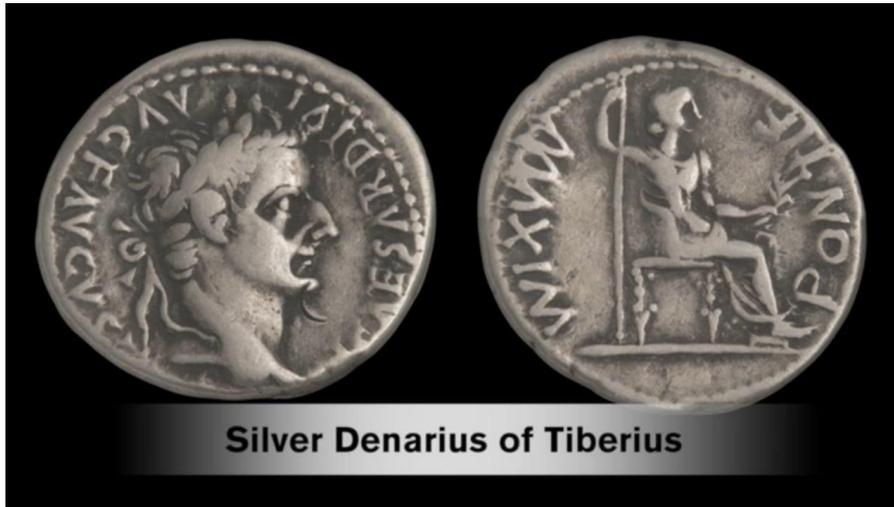
**GOSPEL: Matthew 22. 15-22** We are God's money. But we are like coins that have wandered away from the treasury. What was once stamped on us has been worn down by our wandering. The One who restamps his image upon us is the One who first formed us. He himself seeks his own coin, as Caesar sought his coin. It is in this sense that he says, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's," to Caesar his coins, to God your very selves. [St. Augustine]

"Christ did not appoint or assign any secular authority to His Christendom, but prohibited it, telling His Christians to 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's' (Matt. 22:21) as to one whom God had already appointed. And yet I want to repeat this here, because nowhere among men on earth is there a people like the Christians, who understand so well what worldly stations are. They alone know and teach that these are divine ordinances and institutions. Therefore they alone can truly thank and pray for them in their churches." [Luther, LW 13:370]

## The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity



### The Sunday of the Denarius--“Resisting the Wicked World”



**Silver Denarius of Tiberius**

“On one side were stamped the haughty features of Tiberius, his Roman nose and scornful underlip, and the inscription: ‘Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus’ [TI(berius) CAESAR DIVI AUG(usti) F(ilius) AUGUSTUS] and on the other side ‘Pontifex Maximus,’ [PONTIF(ex) MAXIM(us)] which title, ‘high priest’ or ‘supreme bridge-builder,’ made him both the highest civil and highest religious leader of the land. The title itself surrounded the enthroned Caesar with his long scepter in his right hand and an emblem of honor in his left.”

[Adam Fahling, *The Life of Christ*, Concordia Publishing House, 1936, pg. 542]

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