

Psalm 99

The Lord rules—the nations shake! The Lord sits enthroned on the winged heavenly creatures—the earth quakes! The Lord is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the nations. Let them thank your great and awesome name. God is holy! Strong king who loves justice, you are the one who established what is fair. You worked justice and righteousness in Jacob. Magnify the Lord, our God! Bow low at God's footstool! God is holy! Moses and Aaron were among God's priests, Samuel too among those who called on God's name. They cried out to the Lord, and God answered them—God spoke to them from a pillar of cloud. They kept the laws and the rules God gave to them. Lord our God, you answered them. To them you were a God who forgives but also the one who avenged their wrong deeds. Magnify the Lord our God! Bow low at God's holy mountain because the Lord our God is holy!

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are genuine and that you teach God's way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people's opinions, because you don't show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, "Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax." And they brought him a denarion. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked. "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were astonished, and they departed.



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Sunday, October 18, 2026, 9:00 am
**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

*SONG OF BEGINNING

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
vs. 1-2 & 6, #154 Red Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord reigns! Let all creation praise God's holy name!

People: **Holy is the Lord our God! We come to worship with grateful hearts, ready to follow where God leads.**

Leader: God calls us to live with justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly in faith. We are invited to share our gifts in ways that reflect God's goodness.

People: **We offer our hearts, our hands, our time, and our treasures to serve God and our neighbors.**

Leader: Jesus reminds us to give to God what belongs to God. As we continue Our Generosity Journey, may we remember that all we have is entrusted to us by God.

People: We will grow in generosity, give with joyful hearts,
and use our blessings to make a difference in the
world.

All: We come to worship, to give thanks, and to renew
our commitment to God's work. Holy is the Lord
our God! Amen

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 99

*HYMN *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
vs. 1-2 & 4, #453 Red Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN
*Following Children's Time, children 2nd grade and under may go
to the Nursery.*

CALL TO CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Gracious and Holy God, you bless us with more than we can
count, yet we confess that we do not always live with grateful or
generous hearts. We sometimes hold tightly to what we have,
forgetting that all we possess is entrusted to us by you. Forgive
us when fear keeps us from giving, when selfishness keeps us
from sharing, and when we measure our generosity by what we
might lose rather than by the blessings we can offer. Give us
courage to trust you, wisdom to use our resources well, and
compassion to respond to the needs of others. As we continue
Our Generosity Journey, turn our hearts toward you as we make
our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE *Through It All*
#507 Red Hymnal

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Beautiful Savior*

October Stewardship Theme: *Our Generosity Journey*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON *Whose Image Do You Bear?*

*HYMN *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*
vs. 1-2 & 5, #160 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES & OUR BLESSINGS
Invitation
Offertory
*Doxology #94 Red Hymnal

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE *May You Run and Not Be Weary*
#2281 Black Hymnal

We welcome new members into the church today:
Courtney & Ben Botteron
(and their children, Easton and Emersyn)
Kendi Parvin
Dawn Neff

*Last Sunday we welcomed Craig Thorpe and
Ted & Sally Becker into membership.*

Participating in Worship:
Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor
Daniel Taylor, Dir. of Family Ministry, Worship Assistant
Kassy O'Neil, Reader
Christy Tubbs, Children's Time
Lorie Candelmo, Stewardship Moment
Heavenly Handbells, Music; Steve Crego, Director