

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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HYMNODY

ENTRANCE HYMN 904 *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

HYMN OF THE DAY 940 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

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639 *Wide Open Stand the Gates*
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HYMN TO DEPART 861 *Christ Be My Leader*

SERMON TITLE – "Entangling God to Get What He Wants!"

SERMON TEXT – MATTHEW 22:15

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, since You have founded Your Church on Christ and His Word, grant that every generation of your people may build on this Rock in every place by hearing and doing Christ's Word, so that when temptations and trials come, Your Church and Your people may stand firm and grow stronger. Because all have sinned, You commissioned Your Church to go into the world to proclaim the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Overcome our sinful reluctance to support and promote this saving Gospel. Move us by Your Spirit to give of our time, talent, and earthly treasure so that the Gospel may be proclaimed in our communities and throughout the world. Amen

Introit

P: The LORD is your keeper;

C: the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: From where does my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: He will not let your foot be moved;

C: he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, he who keeps Israel

C: will neither slumber nor sleep.

P: The LORD will keep you from all evil;

C: he will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

C: from this time forth and forevermore.

Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.