

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021
8:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School

Reaching out into the Community
To do what's best for the Community

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Welcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the yellow information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

Order of Worship

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

Welcome and Announcements

Faith Stepping Stones - Confirmation

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Worship

“Oh How Good It Is”

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**Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.**

(Chorus) **So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word;
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *(chorus)***

**Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit. *(Chorus)***

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Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

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**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“Make Me a Servant”

Kelly Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today. (Repeat)

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Lord, uphold us with Your grace, strengthen us during our trials, and teach us to forgive, as we have been forgiven. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 51:7-12 ESV

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The New Testament Reading

James 1:2-18 ESV

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. ⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:43-48 ESV

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song

(Prayer Request cards are gathered along the center aisle by the ushers as we sing.)

"I Surrender All"

Weeden

**All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.**

Chorus: I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

**All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. (Chorus)**

**All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine. (Chorus)**

**All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame;
O the joy of full salvation! Glory, glory to His name! (Chorus)**

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Message

(Please stand.)

The Prayers of the People

(Please be seated at the conclusion of the prayers.)

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar and sing:)

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Helser

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.

I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.

(Chorus) **I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.**

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated;

The King is alive.

I raise a hallelujah with ev'rything inside of me.

I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.

I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me. (Chorus)

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

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The Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution Songs

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your communion card to the usher as you go up for communion. Guests, please read and fill in the gold card.) (Please join in singing:)

"Lamb of God"

Marty Haugen

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You are the bread of life for us all:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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"All To Us"

Tomlin/Reeves/Redman/Maher

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation, you are faithful to the end.

We are waiting on You, Jesus. We believe You're all to us. (Repeat)

(Chorus) **Let the glory of Your name be the passion of the Church.**

Let the righteousness of God be a holy flame that burns.

Let the saving love of Christ be the measure of our lives.

We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven, hope and mercy at the cross.

You are ev'rything, You're the promise. Jesus, You are all to us. (Chorus twice)

When this passing world is over, we will see You face to face,

And forever we will worship.

Jesus, You are all to us. Jesus, You are all to us.

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The Communion Blessing

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Benediction

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.

Amen.

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

Here am I, Lord, send me!

Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song of Praise

“My Life Is in You”

Daniel Gardner

Chorus: **My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. (repeat)**

**I will praise You with all of my life. I will praise You with all of my strength.
With all of my life, with all of my strength, All of my hope is in You. (chorus)
In You.**

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