

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022 ~ 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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Order of Worship

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Impossible Things”

Tomlin/Brown

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

(Chorus) **There is no healer like the Lord our Maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'cause You do impossible things.
Yeah, You do impossible things.**

**Though I walk through the valley, darkness surrounding me,
There You prepare a table, Mm in the presence of my enemies, yeah!
You do the impossible, possible.**

(Bridge twice) **One word and the walls start falling. One word and the blind will see.
One word and the sinner's forgiven, 'cause You do impossible things!**

**There is no healer like the Lord our Maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'cause You do impossible things. *(Repeat)***

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

Yes, even now You are lifting me. Oh, even now You are lifting me.

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit raises us a new way of living which starts in our hearts and minds, then branches out into our daily relationships with believer and unbeliever. It is life characterized by sacrifice, service, love, honor, prayer, blessing, humility, and peace, even toward those who seek to harm us. Paul writes in Romans 12:2 – *“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

Father, it is so hard to live in this world and not be influenced by it. We fail so many times. However, we are so thankful You do not base Your love and forgiveness on how well we live. You base it on how well Jesus did. He lived the perfect life, made the perfect sacrifice, and perfectly conquered death by His resurrection. I put my faith in Him. Forgive me for His sake and restore to me the joy of salvation. Through the Holy Spirit help me live in the world but not of it. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sin of mind, word, and deed. His resurrection guarantees it. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“Be Unto Your Name”

DeShazo/Sadler

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;

We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus: **Holy, holy Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;**

Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;

You are the love song we’ll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.

(chorus)

Be unto Your name, Your name.

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Prayer of the Day

Lord Jesus, help us remain faithful and endure to the end despite what the unbelieving world may threaten. Fill us with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The First Reading

Daniel 3:1-4:3 ESV

Meshach, Shadrack, and Abednego refuse to worship the gold image, are thrown into a fiery furnace, are saved by an angel, and the Lord reveals to Nebuchadnezzar who is the true God.

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. ²Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³Then the satraps, the

prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” ⁷Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁸Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. ⁹They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” ¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. ²²Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. ²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and

they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.”³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

4 King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you!² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.³ How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19 ESV

As believers go through fiery ordeals because of their faith, they entrust themselves to the Lord.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 21:10-19 ESV

Jesus warns that persecution comes to those with faith. But the Lord will protect you.

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there

will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“By Faith”

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**By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.**

(Chorus) **We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.**

**By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the
grave.**

**By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. *(Chorus)***

**By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.**

(Chorus)

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Message

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the

Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings

(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)

“Great Things”

Wickham

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet.

He has done great things.

See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes.

He has done great things. He has done great things.

(Chorus) **O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave.**

You free ev’ry captive and break ev’ry chain.

O God, You have done great things.

We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.

O Jesus our Savior, Your name lifted high.

O God, You have done great things.

You’ve been faithful through ev’ry storm. You’ll be faithful forevermore.

You have done great things.

And I know You will do it again for Your promise is Yes and Amen.

You will do great things. God, You do great things. *(Chorus)*

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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.

Faith Stepping Stones – The Rite of First Communion

Distribution Songs of Praise

(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is 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 connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (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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"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus) **He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;**

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *(Chorus twice)*

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"It Is Well With My Soul"

Spafford/Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

when sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus) **It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,
let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Chorus)**

**My sin O, the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)
And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well with my soul. (Chorus)**

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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

“River of Life”

Powell

Chorus: Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river.

**Guaranteed you'll never be the same
There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior.
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains;
Let that river of life wash it all away.**

**If you've been searching, carrying burdens,
If you've been lost and looking for a home,
If you've been drifting and something is missing,
You should know that you are not alone. (Chorus)**

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