

*The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**October 23, 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 worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.

### Pre-Service Music

“You Are My King”

Bettcher – Bells of Praise Too

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

“Majestic”

Brewster

**O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth**

**O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth**

*(Chorus)* **The heavens declare Your greatness**

**The oceans cry out to You**

**The mountains they bow down before You**

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You! *(repeat all)***

**I will worship You; I will worship You**

**We will worship You; We will worship You *(Chorus)***

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!**

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!**

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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 to 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

“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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If you've been lost and looking for a home,  
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### ***Prayer of the Day***

**Lord God, we do not always understand why you reveal some future events and others not. But you do not call us to understand but to stay faithful until the end. For this give us the continuous help of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

Daniel 8:1-14 ESV

*In very symbolic language Daniel receives a vision of the Temple's desecration and its restoration.*

In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. <sup>2</sup> And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the citadel, which is in the province of Elam. And I saw in the vision, and I was at the Ulai canal. <sup>3</sup> I raised my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing on the bank of the canal. It had two horns, and both horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. <sup>4</sup> I saw the ram charging westward and northward and southward. No beast could stand before him, and there was no one who could rescue from his power. He did as he pleased and became great. <sup>5</sup> As I was considering, behold, a male goat came from the west across the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground. And the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. <sup>6</sup> He came to the ram with the two horns, which I had seen standing on the bank of the canal, and he ran at him in his powerful wrath. <sup>7</sup> I saw him come close to the ram, and he was enraged against him and struck the ram and broke his two horns. And the ram had no power to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled on him. And there was no one who could rescue the ram from his power. <sup>8</sup> Then the goat became exceedingly great, but when he was strong, the great horn was broken, and instead of it there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven. <sup>9</sup> Out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the glorious land. <sup>10</sup> It grew great, even to the host of heaven. And some of the host and some of the stars it threw down to the ground and trampled on them. <sup>11</sup> It became great, even as great as the Prince of the host. And the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was

overthrown. <sup>12</sup> And a host will be given over to it together with the regular burnt offering because of transgression, and it will throw truth to the ground, and it will act and prosper. <sup>13</sup> Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, “For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?” <sup>14</sup> And he said to me, “For 2,300 evenings and mornings. Then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state.” This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***The Second Reading***

Daniel 8:15-27 ESV

*Daniel receives the interpretation of the vision. It exhausts him.*

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man. <sup>16</sup> And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, “Gabriel, make this man understand the vision.” <sup>17</sup> So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was frightened and fell on my face. But he said to me, “Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end.” <sup>18</sup> And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up. <sup>19</sup> He said, “Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end.” <sup>20</sup> As for the ram that you saw with the two horns, these are the kings of Media and Persia. <sup>21</sup> And the goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn between his eyes is the first king. <sup>22</sup> As for the horn that was broken, in place of which four others arose, four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power. <sup>23</sup> And at the latter end of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their limit, a king of bold face, one who understands riddles, shall arise. <sup>24</sup> His power shall be great—but not by his own power; and he shall cause fearful destruction and shall succeed in what he does, and destroy mighty men and the people who are the saints. <sup>25</sup> By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall become great. Without warning he shall destroy many. And he shall even rise up against the Prince of princes, and he shall be broken—but by no human hand. <sup>26</sup> The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now.” <sup>27</sup> And I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for some days. Then I rose and went about the king's business, but I was appalled by the vision and did not understand it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

Matthew 24:15-31 ESV

*Two periods of time are disclosed by Jesus. One is another desecration of the Temple and its destruction like the one Daniel sees. The other is the day of judgment when the Jesus comes in glory.*

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), <sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house,

<sup>18</sup> and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup> And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! <sup>20</sup> Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. <sup>22</sup> And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. <sup>23</sup> Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> So, if they say to you, ‘Look, he is in the wilderness,’ do not go out. If they say, ‘Look, he is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. <sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### *Children’s Message*

#### *Sermon Song of Praise*

“Merciful”

Kendrick

**At the cross where Jesus suffered, I lay down my bitter blame;  
Where He prayed “Father forgive them”, Lord I know that I must do the same.  
Laying down my pain, my anger, vengeful thoughts nailed to the cross;  
Take the sting of wrongs remembered, no more measuring my loss.**

*(Chorus)* **For my Father in heaven showed mercy to me.**

**How can I not be merciful when God’s been merciful to me,  
God’s been merciful to me.**

**I’ll not use my words as weapons or the past to gain control;  
On my tongue, no trace of venom, only grace to comfort and make whole.  
I am weak but God is with me, past and future in His hand;  
Turns to good the ills we suffer, works all things into Love’s plan. *(Chorus)***

**Holy Dove, return and rest here as I think and speak the best;  
Though it takes ten thousand choices, I’ll press on to honor and to bless,  
For the love of Christ my Savior, by the strength He daily gives;  
This will be the thanks I offer: I will totally forgive. *(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.)*

“Kum Ba Yah”

Traditional – Bells of Praise Too

#### *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 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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“A Thousand Tongues”

Glaser/Merkel/Wesley

**O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.  
Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.  
*Chorus:* Jesus, You’re the Name above all names, Jesus, Lamb of God;  
Jesus, You’re the King of salvation; Who was and is to come.  
He breaks the pow’r of cancelled sin, He sets the pris’ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your Name. (*chorus*)  
Who was and is to come, Who was and is to come.**

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“Speak, O Lord”

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**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with  
us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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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*

“Sing and Shout”

Redman

**Your cross, Your cross, it draws me to Your heart,**

**It makes my spirit sing, it makes my spirit sing.**

**Your grace, Your grace, oh, I hear it call my name.**

**I’m waking up to sing, I’m waking up to sing. Oh, oh, oh, oh. (Repeat)**

*(Chorus)* **We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,**

**Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.**

**We will sing and shout, yeah, sing and shout,**

**Open up our hearts and pour Your praises out.**

**Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.**

**Because, because, because Your love came down,**

**It makes me want to sing, it makes me want to sing.**

**Because, because, because You call my name,**

**I’m waking up to sing, I’m waking up to sing! (Chorus)**

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