

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

**Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 11, 2023
The Service at 11:00 am**

**Today, Redeemer offers a special music presentation to enhance our worship.
Next week, we will return to our traditional format.**



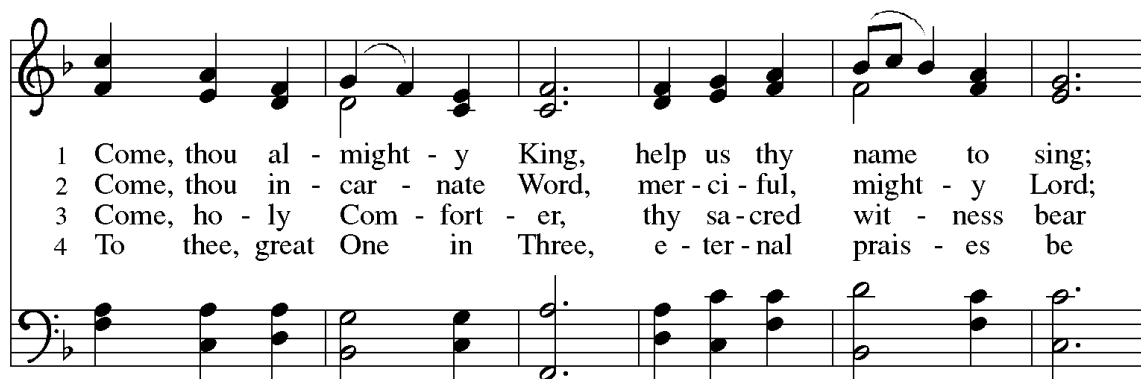
Mass in G
Franz Schubert

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING #408

We invite you to turn and face the cross (as you are comfortable). Please turn to the front of the sanctuary after the cross has passed you. All sing.

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Movement I Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Waka Osifchin, soprano

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.
 O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit
 bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

Please sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

Movement II Gloria

Waka Osifchin, soprano Michael Mentzel, bass

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise You, we bless You.

We worship You, we glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty.

Lord only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You who take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us. You who take away the sin of the world,

[Hear our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.]

For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord, You alone are the Most High, [Jesus Christ.]

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Gospel is announced.

Pastor

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Congregation

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹ But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Pastor

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*Breaking Bread and Restoring Lives
Pastor Joshua Wullenweber*

HYMN OF THE DAY: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY #588

Please stand and sing.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor	God, in your mercy,
Congregation	hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor	Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Congregation	Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor	The peace of Christ be with you always.
Congregation	And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.

Please sign the red Attendance Book and pass it down the pew.

Movement III Credo

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

[And] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and [for] our salvation He came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

with the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

[I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;] I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;

[I look for the resurrection of the dead,] and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COME TO THE TABLE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor	Let us pray.
Congregation	God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts that we may be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

Pastor	The Lord be with you
Congregation	And also with you.
Pastor	Lift up your hearts,
Congregation	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
Congregation	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Pastor	It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor	Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Congregation	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We gather around the communion rail either kneeling or standing to receive communion. Communion will be offered by intinction. For those not comfortable receiving from the pastors' hands a separate tray with preset elements will follow. Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community.

Movement IV Sanctus et Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosannah in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosannah in the highest.
Waka Osifchin, soprano, Keith Craig, tenor, Michael Mentzel, bass

Please stand.

Pastor	The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Congregation	Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor	Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Congregation	Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Pastor	Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Congregation	Amen.

Movement V Angus Dei

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

DISMISSAL

Pastor
Congregation

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

*Please join the Redeemer family in the Crossroads foyer area
for fellowship and refreshments.*

Special thanks to our Redeemer musical staff and choir,
Judy & David Cho, and Pastor Kessinger for their hard work
and dedication in preparing this sacred and beautiful piece of music as part of today's service.
Without the generous support of the congregation for special musical offerings this event would not be possible.

Desperate Measures

You've likely heard the saying "Desperate times call for desperate measures." Today's gospel features a story within a story, both of women, both restored to life and community. And the actions—of the girl's father and the woman with the flow of blood—are equal parts desperation and faith.

A father approaches Jesus in his desperation and asks for the inconceivable—that Jesus would lay his hand on his dead daughter and bring her back to life. Our daily news from throughout the world is filled with images of parents taking drastic measures to save their children. Asking this rebellious rabbi to bring the daughter back to life is certainly taking a chance!

Before Jesus even reaches the daughter, he is interrupted by a woman whose desperation has been building for twelve years. Due to a medical condition, she has lived as an outcast. She spends her days plotting her movements so as not to "contaminate" others and is accustomed to being on the outside looking in. Imagine how lonely she is. Her desperation leaves her determined to move through the crowd just to touch the fringe of Jesus' garment. He responds to this act of faith by looking her in the eye and telling her exactly what an incredible act of faith this was.

In these desperate, faithful stories, the appeal for mercy is met with mercy. What would make us appeal for mercy? A medical diagnosis that leaves us determined to exhaust all treatment possibilities? Praying for the impossible at a loved one's deathbed? Hurtful circumstances that leave us feeling isolated? Jesus calls Matthew from his tax table, then gathers with him and others around a dinner table with words of mercy. Week after week, Jesus gathers us at his table, because he is desperate to share that same mercy with us.

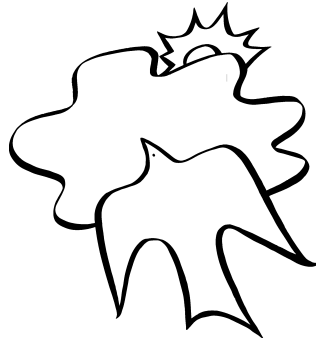
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Two Readings for Today

Please read before or after worship as an additional meditation piece:

Hosea 5:15--6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15

Sunday services for June 18 -- August 20

June 18 -- July 16

9 am -- Traditional

10:30 am -- Contemporary

July 23 -- Aug. 20

9 am -- Contemporary

10:30 am -- Traditional

Next Sunday's Scripture: Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [21:1-7]

The flowers are given by to the glory of God

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