

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

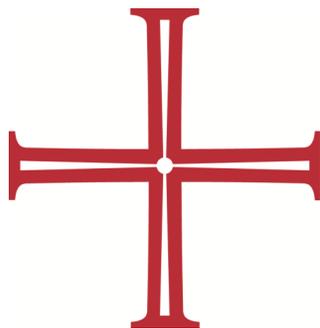
Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 18, 2020

The Traditional Service



*In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus", arranged by Thomas Gieschen*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

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

Pastor 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.

Congregation **Amen**

Pastor Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

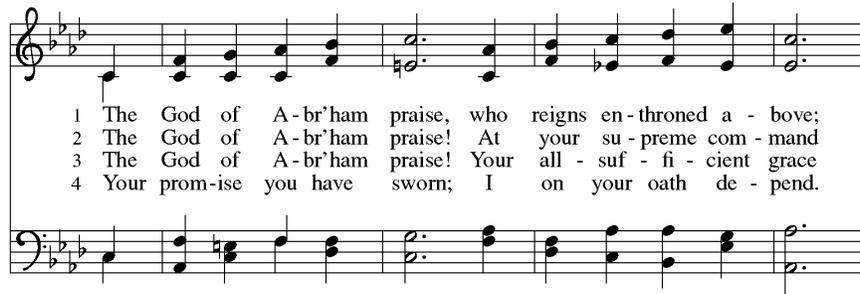
Pastor Most merciful God,  
Congregation **have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are in bondage to sin**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with 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.**

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

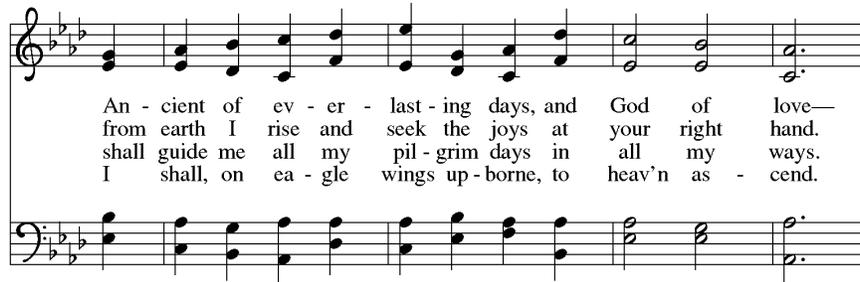
Congregation **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN #831  
The Cantor sings this hymn.

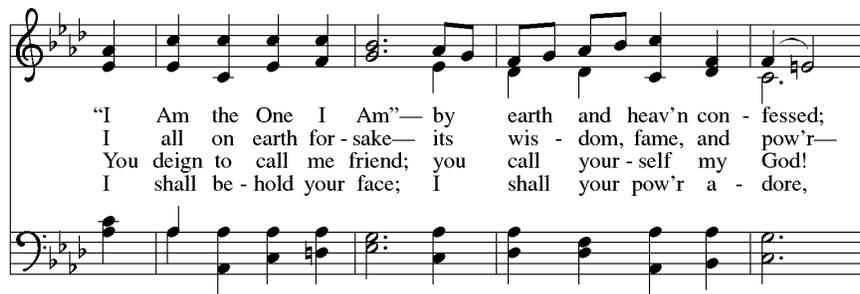
The God of Abraham Praise



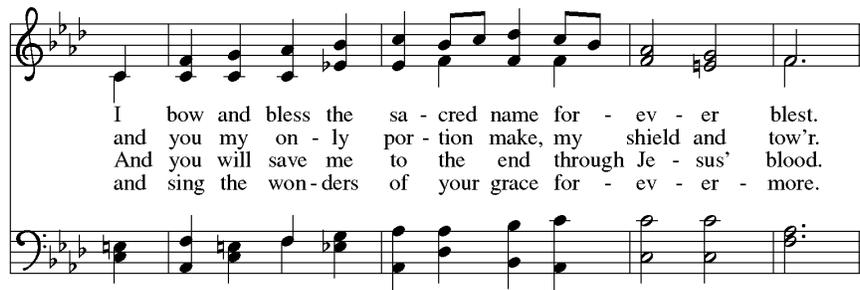
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er - blest.  
and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.  
Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #406**  
*The Cantor sings this hymn.*

**Veni Sancte Spiritus**  
*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*



The musical notation consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is an ostinato, meaning it is repeated continuously. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.      Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.      Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community  
Music: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Pastor      Let us pray.  
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image;  
created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation      **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## THE WORD

### Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

*The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

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

### Psalm 96:1-13

*The congregation will read the parts in bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**  
<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.  
<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**  
<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.  
<sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**  
<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**  
<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.  
<sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**  
<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.  
<sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,  
for you come to judge the earth.**  
<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with your truth.

## Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
Congregation	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Pastor	Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Congregation	<b>You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.</b>

The Gospel is announced.

Pastor	The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Congregation	<b>Glory to you, O Lord.</b>

## Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Pastor	The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation	<b>Praise to you, O Christ.</b>

## SERMON

*Vicar Hephzibah Penumaka*

HYMN #713

The Cantor sings this hymn.

# O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

Vicar  
Congregation

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns.  
After each portion of the prayers:*

Vicar                      Lord, 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. Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts. Our work continues even when we are physically apart from one another.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Take My Life" by Craig Courtney*

## 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 might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## COME TO THE TABLE

## 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:

Congregation      **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

Pastor                      Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
                                    have mercy on us.  
                                    Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
                                    have mercy on us.  
                                    Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Congregation      grant us peace.  
                                    **Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

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

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

#### ***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion***

*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.*

*For those taking Holy Communion: Individuals and/or families will come forward keeping six feet apart. Once you arrive at the table you can pick up the host and the cup of wine/grape juice. Please move by the basket that stands next to the table. Pastor will say "The body and blood of Christ for you. Go in peace and serve the Lord."*

*Once you have communed you can leave by the open side door and exit the building. Those who wish to have a time of prayer can return to your pew by the side aisles. When you are ready to leave then just keep a safe distance from others. We ask that you not gather in the Crossroads but you are free to greet others outside.*

*At the end of the service pastor will offer a final word of peace for those who are watching the videos.*

Pastor                      Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Congregation      **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Image of God**

The Pharisees and Herodians come to Jesus with a seemingly simple question: “Is it lawful to pay taxes or not?” In a deft move characteristic of his ministry, Jesus refuses to pick a side. He doesn’t debate them, but reframes the whole question. In doing so, he creates space in which they are open to hear a new possibility and be amazed.

The imperial coin bears the image of the emperor, just as our currency bears the image of our nation’s favored leaders. What bears God’s image? You! In the first chapter of Genesis we learn that all of humankind is created in the image of God, blessed, and entrusted with caring for every living creature.

When Jesus says, “Give . . . to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21), we are reminded that there is nothing in this world and nothing in ourselves that is beyond the scope of God’s care. Like the money stamped with the ruler’s image, we see what God treasures in the face of every person on the planet: ourselves and our neighbors, those we love and those we fear. God’s own image is in every race, every age, every gender identity, every ability. Each of us shines forth a unique facet of who God is. All that we have and all that we are is from God and for the sake of the whole world.

The sacred image in us is reinforced every week when we take part in the celebration of Holy Communion. As we are fed with the body of Christ, we pray that we too might “give ourselves away as bread for the hungry” (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 114). Nothing is ours to keep. All is gift from God, freely given and constantly renewed. Set free by the promises of God’s steadfast presence and generosity, we may live with open hands and open hearts.

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are always welcome in our worship.

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**Hearing help available:** We have for your use, personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex. Please refer questions or comments to an usher.

Next Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

*The flowers are given by Tammie and Steve Koenig to the glory of God,  
and in celebration of their anniversary.*

*Today we are using Setting 3 and the Service of the Word from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book.*

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