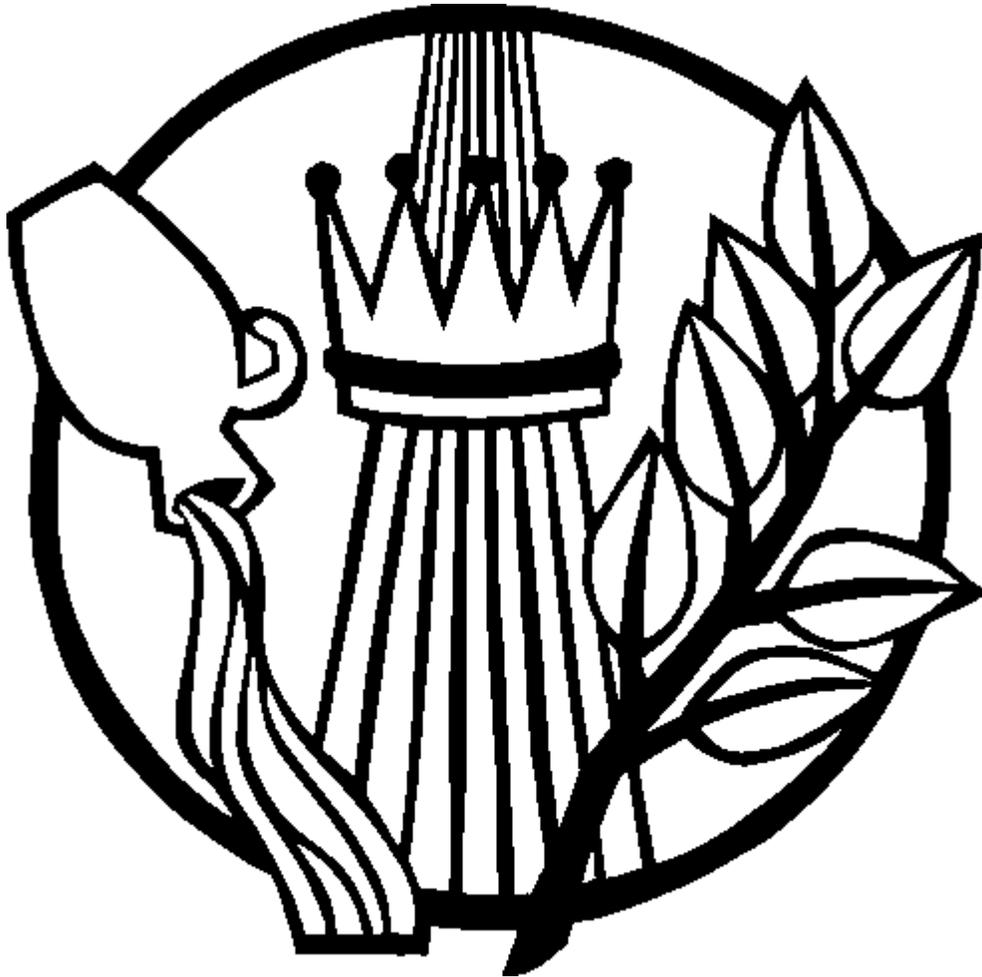


# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

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

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 16, 2018**

**The Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am**



*Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.*



## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Adagio"- Felix Mendelssohn

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

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

Deacon 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**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Deacon 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**

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon 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.*

**GATHERING HYMN #510**

*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.*

**Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God he -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing, Word al - might - y,  
cre - ci - tied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you,  
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing,  
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, ca. 1919  
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SEND DICH, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673  
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**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Deacon 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.**

**GLORY TO GOD**

*Congregation sings the refrain and cantor sings the verse.*

*Refrain*

Glory to God in the high est. and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est. and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

*Cantor* Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. *Congregation sings refrain.*

*Cantor* Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. *Congregation sings refrain.*

*Cantor* For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

*All sing.*

*Final Refrain*

Glory to God in the high - est.  
A men. tu men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# THE WORD

### Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup> It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Reader Word of God, word of life.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand and sing.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel is announced.

Pastor

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Congregation

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pastor

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*We All Make Mistakes*  
*Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

HYMN OF THE DAY #676

*Please stand and sing.*

## Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
th' our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone,  
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet,  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart,  
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Rev. Francis R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
Music: CANNONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

## APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon  
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:*

Assisting Minister      Lord, in your mercy,  
Congregation            **hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

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

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
**Please sign the red Attendance Book and pass it down the pew.***

## OFFERTORY

*"A Clare Benediction" by John Rutter*

## COME TO THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Please stand and sing.*

Music: Richard W. Gilbert, b. 1923  
Music © 1988 Zion Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Augsburg Fortress



Cre-ate in me a clean heart. O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion. and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray.

**Congregation** **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.**  
**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:**  
**our selves, our time, and our possessions.**  
**Use us, and what we have gathered,**  
**in feeding the world with your love,**  
**through the one who gave himself for us,**  
**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:

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Please be seated.

All sing.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

## COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply indicate this to the Pastor when you come forward. You may take a small cup from the tray in the center aisle as you approach the altar, and the Communion assistants will fill your cup with wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice). Or, you may use intinction, where the wafer is retained and touched lightly either to the wine (red) or to the grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available from the Pastor.

## COMMUNION HYMN #796

All sing.

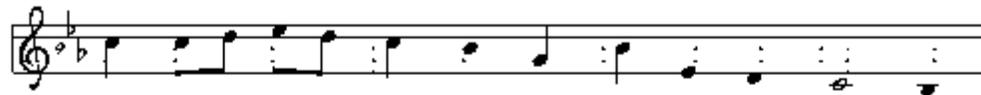
### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won.



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord,  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall.



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light,  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r,  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art,  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Lyrics: Irish Rhyme, vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1885; alt. in May - Byne, 1880-1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

*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

Assisting Minister 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

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Congregation

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #660

*Please follow the cross, turning toward the cross as it passes by your pew. As the cross leads, so Christ leads us out into the community to share Christ's love.*  
*All sing.*

## Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come. Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod.  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ei - lied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree.  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God, died,  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee,  
praise to the Cru - ei - fied for vic - to - ry!

**DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister Go in peace. Share the good news.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “Trumpet Allemande” - Anthony Holborn

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

**Baggage**

Take any trips this past summer? Did you forget your toothbrush, or did you take everything including the bathroom sink? Packing is always a challenge, but unpacking can be even worse. Finally home, all the bags out of the car, the last thing anyone wants to do is put it all away, yet it's the cross we bear as punishment for going on vacation.

Sound ridiculous? It is, but we tend to think of denying ourselves and taking up the cross as carrying a bag full of punishment for being who and what we are. No one likes lugging around baggage; it weighs us down, hurts our bodies, and destroys our self-esteem. It makes us cranky, causes us to complain, and makes life miserable not just for us but for those around us as well.

The whole point of God sending us Jesus wasn't to make us cranky. Jesus didn't suffer death on the cross so we would have things to complain about, and he didn't call us to discipleship to diminish our self-worth. Denying ourselves isn't giving up chocolate for Lent or putting everyone else's needs above our own to our own detriment. Taking up our crosses isn't living with our own personal suffering or tolerating abuse from others. Jesus doesn't ask us to give up our identities or to carry hardship after hardship on our backs.

Denying ourselves means rejecting those things that keep us from being a part of a larger community. The one piece of baggage Jesus calls us to carry is relationship with others and for others. It won't always be easy to carry, because it leaves us vulnerable. Golgatha wasn't a vacation destination. But following Jesus means life with Jesus—and that means we never carry anything alone.

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. Also, a special cart of books is in the back of the nave. Your children are welcome to borrow books for the service. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services. A pager is available from the nursery.



**Visitors are invited to sign** the red Attendance Book at the end of the pew.

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

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## *Sunday Services*

**8:30 and 11:00 am for the traditional service and 9:45 am for contemporary service**

Next Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

### **Assisting with Worship at 8:30 am**

Cantor: Waka Osifchin

Ushers: Janet Pfister, Andy Pribulka, Andrew and Bruce

Chancel Care: Jane Skotzko

Coffee Hour: Karen Miller

Others will faithfully serve as Assisting Minister, Acolyte/Crucifer, Communion Assistant and Reader

### **Assisting with Worship at 11:00 am**

Cantor: Waka Osifchin

Ushers: Betsy and Ron Kutscher

Chancel Care: Betsy Kutscher

Coffee Hour: Karen Miller

Others will faithfully serve as Assisting Minister, Acolyte/Crucifer, Communion Assistant and Reader

*The flowers are given by Betsy and Ron Kutscher to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Peter and Karin's birthday.*

*Today we are using Setting 3 and 6 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.*

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