



The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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October 11, 2015

20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

Your offering may be placed in the offering plate in the narthex.

LBW-Green Hymnal

WOV-Blue Hymnal

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

<We kneel.>

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We stand.>

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<We sit.>

WORD**FIRST LESSON****Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON**Hebrews 4: 12-17**

²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

Mark 10: 17-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

<We sit.>

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Matt

THE SERMON

Pastor Matt

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Light

LBW Hymn 425

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

WELCOME

P: Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

<We kneel.> *A brief silence is kept.*

Response after each petition: P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

<We stand.>

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

At this time, you may greet one another in the name of Christ.

OFFERTORY**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow****LBW Hymn 565**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

<We sit.>

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD – *(Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. At The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, we receive communion by intinction, receiving the bread and then dipping it into the chalice of wine.)*

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

SUNG BLESSING SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

ELW Hymn 677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL (*Please face the rear of the nave.*)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

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| Presiding Minister         | The Rev. Matthew Titus                                 |
| Pianist                    | Lloan McCracken                                        |
| Lector/Communion Assistant | Claire Grosshuesch                                     |
| Usher                      | Nancy Riggin                                           |
| Communion Preparation      | 8:30-Jessica Draeger/Tony Chapman 11:00-Laura Dominick |

~~~~~ **Announcements**



Welcome to Redeemer! We are pleased to have you with us at worship this morning. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please see an usher.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God, in honor of their fifth wedding anniversary, by Mary Sue and John Green.

The flowers in the Narthex are given in loving memory of Harriett Haltiwanger by her family.

Bible Study – Starting on Monday, October 12 join John Green as he leads us in a study of Galatians. This study will be done over five Mondays from October 12 through November 9. For those interested, meet in the Church Library each of those days at 6 pm . See you there!

Organ Repair Donations – The donations for repairs to the organ have generated sufficient funds to complete the needed work; therefore no further donations to the organ fund are needed. Thank you for all your support and donations to this fund.

Confirmation begins in one week!

Confirmation is about to kick in high gear. This year there are a few exciting changes that will deepen and broaden the faith of those youth who get to participate in Confirmation. We will be partnering with Summer Memorial Lutheran Church and their pastor – Stephen Mims. Those youth who are in at least 6th grade are encouraged to participate. A letter was sent out to all families whose children will be participating. If you know of other potential 6th-8th graders who would like to participate, send them to join us on **Sunday, October 18, at Redeemer at 4pm.** Get ready to see your faith **Ignite!** Confirmation classes will be held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, meeting at Redeemer on the 1st Sunday and at Summer on the 3rd Sunday.

Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all information for the November newsletter to the church office no later than Monday, October 19.

Office Closed – the church office will be closed Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

New Member Sunday

Today, Sunday, October 11th at both services, we will welcome new members into the community of faith here at The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Come be present as we welcome the Reids, the Wisemans, and the Tituses! Be on the lookout in the future for classes taught by Pastor Matt about Lutheranism that all members – new and seasoned – are encouraged to attend.

October Youth Event!

Come join us on Sunday, October 11 as we go to Stewart Farms in Enoree for some fall fun! Get lost in their Corn MAiZE, relax on their wagon ride, and more! The cost is \$5 for those ages 6 and up (under 6 are free) and \$3 for everyone that wants to go on the wagon ride. We will meet at the church at 2pm in the Redeemer Parking lot.

Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, November 8 there will be one service at 10am. After this service we will hold and conduct our Annual Congregational Meeting. We will go over and vote for the budget for 2016 and we will vote on new council members. We are pleased to announce the following six people who have graciously accepted the call (should they be voted) to serve on Church Council: Laura Dominick, Donna Franklin, Angela Reid, Andy Senn, Beth Singletary, and Amanda Richardson.

Calendar October 11-October 17

Today

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Children’s and Junior Choir
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Monday

6:00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday

10:30 am Prayer Shawl
6:00 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Lutheran Men

Wednesday

6:30 pm Handbell Choir
7:35 pm Senior Choir

Thursday

6:00 pm Library Reserved

Attendance for September 27

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| <u>Sunday School</u> | <u>51</u> |
| <u>8:30 am 37 / 11:00 am 77</u> | |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>114</u> |

