



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9:00AM SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Today we find ourselves in a similar situation as the first disciples in Acts 1, left still to wonder at what awaits us between our Lord's ascension and His promised return. But we do not need to see Him with our eyes to know He is still with us, speaking to and strengthening us with His gift of salvation and eternal life. In Holy Baptism, Absolution, Communion, and the preaching of His Word, He gives us His mercy. In Jesus, our lives have been transformed. We are given power to avoid suffering from our own sinful passions to the blessed suffering that marks taking up our cross of faith and following Jesus. As the Day of Pentecost approaches, we will understand and believe by means of the Holy Spirit our unity with Christ and God the Father through faith in Him.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

WORDS OF WELCOME		Elder of the Day
OPENING HYMN	<i>"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"</i>	LSB 464
OPENING VERSICLES [Common]		LSB page 260
OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE	<i>"Seek Ye First"</i>	LSB 712

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12-26*

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time

that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 17:1–11

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed. I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RESPONSORY [Common]

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

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Seventh Commandment

Pastor: You shall not steal. *What does this mean?*

All: **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

Eighth Commandment

Pastor: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?*

All: **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

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LORD’S PRAYER

SERMON

“*More Paradoxes*”*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty and merciful God, we give thanks for Your mercy, especially for the salvation You have prepared for the whole world through the suffering and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Enable us to walk by faith, enduring all trials encountered because of that faith as we deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Christ.

Pastor: We pray that You rule and govern Your Holy Church throughout the world, granting Your blessing to all You have called to preach Your Holy Word,

People: in order that we be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, and that we bear witness to Your saving truth.

Pastor: Give health, wisdom, and protection to all who are in authority of making, administering, and judging our laws,

People: in order that they may rule according to Your goodwill and pleasure.

Pastor: Give Your comfort to all who are in trouble, want, sickness, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name’s sake, that they receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own.

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: *(Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”).*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth who now rest from their labors.

People: Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN/INSTRUMENTAL

HYMN

“Brothers and Sisters in Christ”

CCS 9

Words and Music by Terry K. Dittmer

1. Sing allelujah! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing, To our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace, We are gathered as friends in this place.
Refrain: **And assembled as one In the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts; lifting hands, Celebrating as friends.
And proclaiming the Lord. All our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**
2. Man walked alone and in need Without faith, hope or promise or creed;
Wandering, aimlessly lost, Unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save all His people from death and the grave.
Refrain
3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim All your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, Help us tell all the world we belong.
Refrain (twice).

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

**All: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens,
leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You
promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

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LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

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NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Sung to tune LSB 686

Alleluia! Alleluia! Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body, sent to share Your healing grace!

BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

LSB 490

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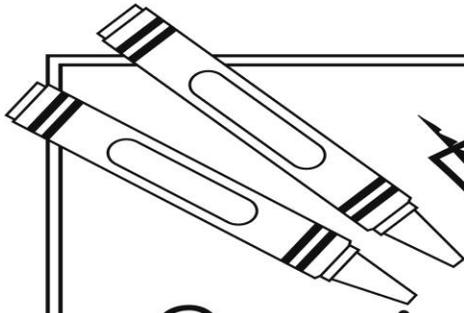


OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:00AM SUNDAY

Ron Stimpson
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder



PUZZLE

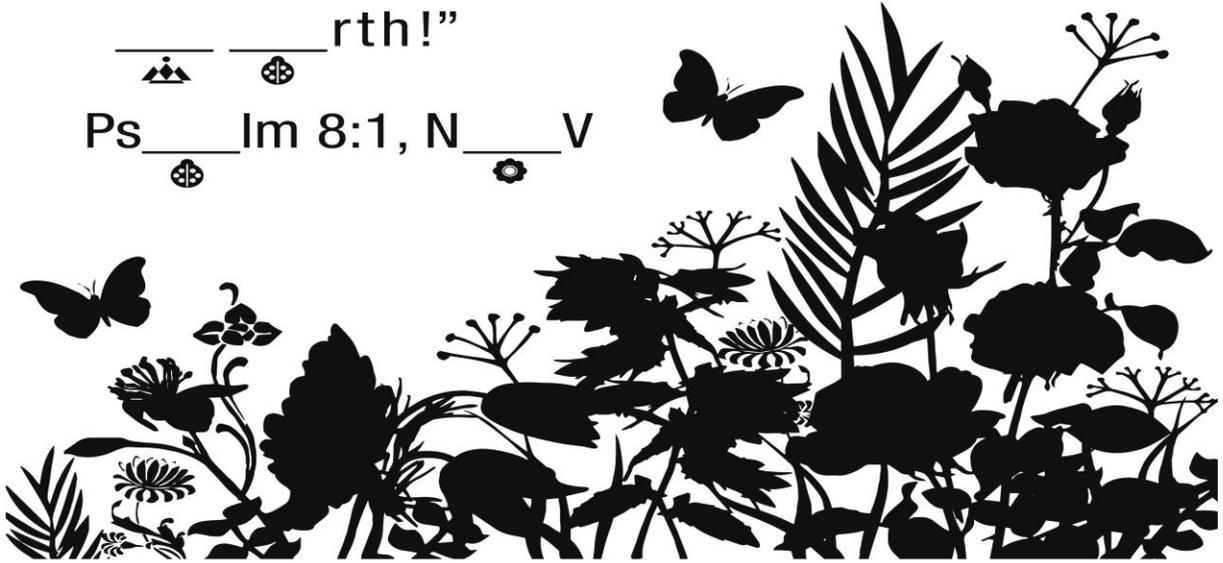
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
Psalm 8:1, NIV