



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED DURING OUR WORSHIP 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

Rest is elusive; as each day ends, we must confess with Paul in today's Epistle that we had "the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." In our tiredness, the mirror shows that we are wretched indeed. But Zechariah wrote of a day when the battle would be over, thanks to a coming king, who would set the prisoners free. His description points us to Jesus on Palm Sunday; His death and resurrection have set us free from our bondage to sin. His compassion for us shows in His prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father. In our Savior, we find the rest we need each day. Compared to the failing struggle we engage in daily, His yoke is easy, His burden is light. As David wrote in the psalm, "The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." He gives rest for the soul!

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls, when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

‡ WORD ‡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalm 145:1-14

Leader: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

Leader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power, to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the ☩ Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN

“God Bless Our Native Land”

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EPISTLE READING*Romans 7:14–25a*

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE [Common]

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING*Matthew 11:25–30*

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY*“When I Behold Jesus Christ”*

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THE SERMON*“Rest? Who Needs It?”**Matthew 11:25–30***THE CREED**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and everyone in their circumstances. Zechariah promised that the coming One would “speak peace to the nations.” Lord over all, move the leaders of the world’s nations to seek and find common ground so that peace breaks out across borders and displaced persons are able to return to their homes.

People: **Protect and guide armed forces deployed abroad and all who keep the peace within their nations and communities.**

Pastor: The psalm proclaims that “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,” O God, but we also give You thanks for this temporal nation and the blessings You have so graciously bestowed on us through it. Here we have found prosperity and peace; here we may respond to Your love and offer You our thanks and praise.

People: **In Your mercy, continue to use the powers that be in this world to give us the freedom we enjoy.**

Pastor: David looked for the day when “one generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” Guide, protect, and direct the Church’s leaders, heavenly Father,

People: **so that many people hear of Your ancient promises, the deliverance of Your people from Egypt, Your Son’s entry into history as one of us, and His sacrifice for our sins and victorious resurrection, opening heaven to all who call on You in faith.**

Pastor: Paul confessed, “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” O Holy Spirit, hear the cries of those trapped in their various addictions, burdened with criminal records, and mired in societies of fear and terror.

People: **Surround them with faith-based organizations and compassionate counselors so that they find strength and opportunity to turn their lives around, praising You for gracious deliverance.**

Pastor: Jesus invited, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Listen to the prayers of those near and dear to us with problems of health or finances or mourning loved ones or failed relationships, [*including . . .*]. Use medical professionals, trained advisers, and loving neighbors, so that they look forward to the blessings You have in mind for them in Your wisdom and mercy. We bring our petition to You, gracious Lord,

People: **and there find rest for our souls.**

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

People: hear our prayer.

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

OFFERTORY

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****9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ****

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

COMMUNION LITURGY

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“Do Lord!”

AGPS 89

Words paraphrased by John Ylvisaker; Tune Traditional American

Refrain: Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Do Lord, Oh, do Lord, Oh, do remember me!

Look away beyond the blue!

1. You're my light and my salvation, I won't be afraid!
You're the stronghold of my life, by You all things were made.
Foes attack me, hassle me, but I will never fade, For I move in the strength of the Lord.
((Refrain))
2. Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear!
Even though a war surrounds me You are always near.
One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure Is to live in the house of the Lord.
((Refrain))
3. You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife;
You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.
Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord.
((Refrain))
4. Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One.
As it was in the beginning till our race is won, We can live in the light of the Lord.
((Refrain))

Chorus: I shall not be, I shall not be moved.

I shall not be, I shall not be moved;

Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved.

1. When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved,
When my cross is heavy, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
2. The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved,
The church of God is marching, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
3. King Jesus is our Captain, I shall not be moved,
King Jesus is our Captain, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
4. Come on and join the army, I shall not be moved,
Come on and join the army, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
5. Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved,
Fighting sin and Satan, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
6. When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved,
When my burden's heavy, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
7. Don't let the world deceive you, I shall not be moved,
Don't let the world deceive you, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*
8. If my friends forsake me, I shall not be moved,
If my friends forsake me, I shall not be moved;
Like a tree planted by the water, I shall not be moved. *Chorus*

OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

9:00AM SUNDAY

Thom Miller

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Kris Deardoff

Organist

Mike Beyer

Congregational Chairman

Rick Melius

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