



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

Acknowledging Jesus as the Christ is central to our confession of faith as individual Christians and vital in our worship as the gathered people of God. In our use of that divine title, we echo the words of the angel who spoke to the shepherds in the field outside of Bethlehem with the Gospel message, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11). We are blessed in knowing that Jesus, the Christ, is not only God in person in human form but that He is God for us. St. Patrick poetically spoke his confession with the words “Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me.” As we confess Jesus as the Christ this day, we are joining with saints and angels as well as with the sisters and brothers that surround us gathered for worship!

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

LSB 648

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Glory to God in the Highest”

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your living Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the Lord comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalm 138

Leader: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

People: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

Leader: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

People: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Leader: For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?” For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA & VERSE

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (Sat. Only)

Christopher & Jennifer McKeown

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Built on the Rock”

LSB 645

SERMON

“Badly Needed Promises”

Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYERS 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 God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it.

People: To Your Church throughout the world, together and united as one body, grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Pastor: Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,

People: protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one even to the gates of hell.

Pastor: Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O Lord,

People: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge Your authority in gratitude and praise.

Pastor: Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,

People: arm Your servants with Your mighty Gospel, and cause them again to confess You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Pastor: Whenever we fail to use the gifts You have placed within us, O Lord,

People: turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that You provide within the Body of Christ.

Pastor: Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to Your power and glory, O Lord,

People: remind us again of the depth of Your riches, wisdom, and knowledge. Call us again to listen, and look, and pay attention that we may seek You where You and salvation will be found.

Pastor: Wherever people are in mourning or ill health, without food or shelter, or in any other distress, O Lord,

People: visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in Your mercy. Fulfill Your purpose for them.

Pastor: We remember before You especially those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*].
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer, Rock of our salvation.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

**** 5:30PM SATURDAY ****

HYMN

“Glorify Thy Name”

CCS 19

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1. Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,
glorify Thy name in all the earth
2. Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
glorify Thy name in all the earth.
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3. Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
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EVENING VERSICLES

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EVENING PRAYER

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LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

LSB 644

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✠ 9:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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| SANCTUS | LSB page 208 |
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| LORD'S PRAYER | |
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| AGNUS DEI | LSB page 210 |

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

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| HYMN | <i>“Bind Us Together”</i> | CCS 8 |
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Bob Gillman

Bind us together, Lord bind us together with chords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love

There is only one God, there is only one King
There is only one body, that is why I sing

Bind us together, Lord bind us together with chords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord bind us together, bind us together in love

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| HYMN | <i>“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”</i> | LSB 649 |
| HYMN | <i>“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”</i> | LSB 647 |
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| POST COMMUNION COLLECT | | LSB page 212 |
| BENEDICTION | | LSB page 212 |
| CLOSING HYMN | <i>“The Church’s One Foundation”</i> | LSB 644 |



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Jeff Derksen
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Bill Erck
Elder
Kris Deardoff
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder