



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 9AM SUNDAY MORNING 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.

THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

(Sung to the melody “Amazing Grace”)

Tune LSB 744

Look down in mercy on us, Lord,
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

People: **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

GLORIA*(Sung to the melody "Hark the Herald Angels Sing")**Tune LSB 380*

1. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
 "Glory be to God on high!"
 God who flung the stars in space,
 God who formed the human race,
 God the mind and God the cause,
 God the source of natures laws,
 God of wisdom, power, and love,
 God of gods, all gods above.
 Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
 "Glory be to God on high!"

2. Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
 "Glory be to God on high!"
 God who saw your creatures fall,
 Loved them still, and loved them all,
 Gave your only Son to prove
 What is mercy, what is love;
 And the Spirit, given free,
 Recreates your family.
 Angels, sing, and earth, reply:
 "Glory be to God on high!"

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Enable us to stand in the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Jeremiah 15:15–21*

O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your forbearance take me not away; know that for Your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me, for You had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will You be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively*Psalm 26*

Leader: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,

People: and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Leader: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

People: For Your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in Your faithfulness.

Leader: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

People: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

Leader: I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,

People: proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

Leader: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

People: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

Leader: in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

People: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

Leader: My foot stands on level ground;

People: in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

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 12:9–21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21–28

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

1. Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.
2. And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in Your rising, our new life begins.
3. Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.

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. We pray all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at Blessed Redeemer and throughout the world.

People: **Help us to not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

Pastor: Be with us as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live.

People: **Bless all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save.**

Pastor: We ask for the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides.

People: **Watch over all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand.**

Pastor: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], may they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.**

Pastor: (Special Petitions ending in... "Lord, in Your mercy,"),

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.**

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

“The Wonderful Cross”

Written by J. D. Walt, Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

**Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name**

3. Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! *Chorus*

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EVENING PRAYER

Pastor: Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

People: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Pastor: Joyous light of glory:

People: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

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**† SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †
(9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING)**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

(Sung to the melody "Holy, Holy, Holy")
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
"Holy, Holy, Holy!" with them we adore You;
God in three Persons, all in Christ as one.

Tune LSB 507

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")
Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
You bore the sinner's load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant Your peace.

Tune LSB 702

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

"The Wonderful Cross"

CCS 62

Written by J. D. Walt, Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

**Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace draw near
And bless Your name**

3. Were the whole realm of Nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all! *Chorus*

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HYMN

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

CCS 25

Words by: Philip Bliss; Music by: Rowland H. Prichard

1. I will sing of my Redeemer,
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He, the ransom freely gave. **Refrain**

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin, and death, and hell. **Refrain**

CCLI Song No. 644128

HYMN

“How Can I Thank You, Lord”

LSB 703

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son’s body and blood. Now that we have received His goodness in His Word and Spirit, help us to take up our cross daily and follow our Savior, who leads us with the only love that overcomes evil with good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

LSB 861

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5:30PM SATURDAY

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9:00AM SUNDAY

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