



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICES
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

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB 869

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: **Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalms 27:1–9

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

Leader: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

People: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, “Seek My face.” My heart says to You, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” Hide not Your face from me.

Leader: Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help.

All: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! 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

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1–16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh

hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Lamb”

LSB 547

SERMON

“The Hidden Face of God”

Isaiah 55:6-9

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people. You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near.

People: Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Pastor: We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name.

People: Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial.

Pastor: You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, 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: Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do.

Pastor: You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially . . .*]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord. Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God’s promise of the life to come.

People: Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith.

Pastor: All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O 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

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

“The Word is So Near”

CCS 50

Words and Music by Michael Card

1. The Word is so near to your heart and your tongue: with the one you confess and acknowledge the Son; with the other, believe and are justified, and find life in knowing it was for you He died.
2. No, it's not up in heaven where your thoughts could not reach, nor beyond the ocean on some distant beach. No, the Word is so near in the innermost part; it's alive on your lips, it abides in your heart.
3. The Word is so near to your heart and your tongue: with the one you confess and acknowledge the Son; with the other, believe and are justified, and find life in knowing it was for you He died.

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HYMN

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

CCS 68

Written by Eric Wyse & Dawn Rogers CCLI Song No. 106879

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost our way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost our way.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.

You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

3. Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own.
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. **Chorus**

HYMN

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

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HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head”

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CLOSING HYMN

“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious”

LSB 548



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Ron Stimpson

Elder

Gretchen Schilling

Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Thom Miller

Elder

Kris Deardoff

Organist

Mike Beyer

Congregational Chairman

Rick Melius

Head Elder