



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

We hear today these words the apostle Paul concerning everlasting life: "We will always be with the Lord." Our Lord makes His presence known today in His Word and in the Lord's Supper. You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

THE VAJDA HYMN SERVICE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

LSB 668

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: Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father

People: we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus

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: O Lord, encourage us with Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments, that we be strengthened for service to You and our neighbors as we await the return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall and a serpent bit him. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 70

Leader: Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

People: Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

Leader: Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

People: Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

Leader: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You! May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

People: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer, O Lord, do not delay!

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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“For All the Saints”

LSB 677 vs. 1-4

SERMON

“Get Ready or Be ready”

Matt. 25:1-13

CREED

(Sung to the melody “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”)

Tune LSB 802

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: Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation.

People: Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage.

People: Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, *[especially....]* Heal them according to Your will. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones.

People: Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, be present in Your church.

People: Give us faithful pastors, teachers, musicians, administrators, and other church workers, that we walk together with You, bringing Your Gospel to all nations.

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

People: Amen.

OFFERING

LORD’S PRAYER

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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")

Tune LSB 507

"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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

(Sung to the melody "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Tune LSB 702

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

AGPS 218

1. Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King! *Chorus*

Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King! *Chorus*
3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King! *Chorus*

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

AGPS 145

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1. Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.
2. Jesus, loving Shepherd vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.
3. Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords
The way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, My Savior and friend.

HYMN

“What is the World to Me”

LSB 730

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that we live with hope and confidence, showing forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life, and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“For All the Saints ”

LSB 677 vs. 5-8



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

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