



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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HOLY COMMUNION

IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM SATURDAY AND 9:00AM SUNDAY 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

When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process, God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

DIVINE SERVICE—SETTING ONE

WORDS OF WELCOME		Elder of the Day
OPENING HYMN	<i>"Come My Soul, with Every Care"</i>	LSB 779
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB page 151
KYRIE		LSB pages 152-153
HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>"This is the Feast"</i>	LSB page 155
SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY		

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy,

People: **be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

‡ WORD ‡

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” “You shall have no other gods before me. “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. “You shall not murder. “You shall not commit adultery. “You shall not steal. “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 19:1-11

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God,

People: **and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

Pastor: Day to day pours out speech,

People: **and night to night reveals knowledge.**

Pastor: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

People: **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Pastor: In them He has set a tent for the sun,

People: **which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

Pastor: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

People: **and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

Pastor: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
People: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
 Pastor: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
People: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
 Pastor: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
People: the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
 Pastor: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
People: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
 Pastor: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;
People: in keeping them there is great reward.
**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 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA & VERSE [Lent]

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"*

LSB 729

THE SERMON *"A Trusting Heart"*

Psalm 4:5

THE CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for people everywhere in their various circumstances.

Lord over all, we give thanks that the heavens declare Your glory.

People: **We pray Your blessings on all who seek ways to use the resources of Your good creation to feed the hungry, heal the sick, and shelter the homeless. Guide them toward bountiful harvests and life-saving technologies.**

Pastor: O Lord, who brought Your people Israel out of slavery in Egypt, hear the prayer of those who long for freedom from oppressive regimes, false imprisonment, poverty, and social discrimination.

People: **Awaken a desire for peace, justice, and human dignity in the citizens and leaders of the nations. Give them compassionate eyes so that they may seek to help one another, relieving hunger and despair with loving and sharing actions.**

Pastor: Guide and protect armed forces deployed and those who work for peace and security in our local communities.

People: **Open our eyes to the vocation we have as people of faith each day.**

Pastor: We ask Your gracious answers to the prayers of those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*]. Visit, relieve, console, and uplift them according to Your plans, using us where possible as part of the answer to their petitions. Lord in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Wise and loving heavenly Father, who chose those whom the world considered foolish, weak, lowly, and despised to be joined in the Body of Christ, give us Your strength and wisdom.

People: **Open doors of opportunity for the Church to preach Christ crucified and risen no matter the form of opposition they encounter, so that many will come to faith.**

All: **These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the bitter sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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5:30PM SATURDAY EVENING & 9:00AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP † SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT †

COMMUNION LITURGY

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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

“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*

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HYMN

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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BENEDICTION

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CLOSING HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

LSB 761



OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM SATURDAY

Bill Erck
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9:00AM SUNDAY

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Acolytes
Kris Deardoff
Organist

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Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
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