



Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost **July 11th, 2021**



MATTHEW 23:11

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

“In today’s Old Testament Reading, the prophet Amos, though previously a herdsman and dresser of sycamore figs, must speak, for the Lord has called him. His word of judgment is only part of the message; in other places, he calls people to choose the Lord and live and also announces a great reversal. It is dangerous being a prophet, as John the Baptist learned in the Holy Gospel. But we know the end of the story: before creation, we were destined to salvation, as we read in the Epistle. Whatever we face, our faith tells us to listen to what the Lord has to say before paying attention to any other voice. “He will speak peace to His people” (Psalm 85:8).

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN *“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”* LSB 589

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB page 203

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *“Glory to God in the Highest”* LSB page 204

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

People: Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;

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

People: Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 85:1-13

Leader: Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: **You forgave the iniquity of your people. You covered all their sin**

Leader: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

People: **and put away Your indignation toward us! Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**

Leader: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

People: **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Leader: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

People: **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to his people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

Leader: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Leader: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

People: **Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

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

Ephesians 1:3-14

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. John, the 8th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:14-29

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

LSB 743

SERMON

“Lion Alert”

Amos 7:7-15

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs. Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth.

People: **Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament.**

Pastor: When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere.

People: **Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior.**

Pastor: Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world.

People: **Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved.**

Pastor: Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will.

People: **Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict.**

Pastor: Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we now, [*especially . . . and those we name in our hearts . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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

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Pastor: You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past.

People: **Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them-words of forgiveness, peace, and hope.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

5:30 PM SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMN

“Thy Word”

CCS 53

Words by Amy Grant, Music by Michael W. Smith

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
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1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

2. I will not forget your love for me and yet My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Final Chorus

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LORDS PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

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9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
‡SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

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HYMN

“God Is So Good”

1. God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; He’s so good to me!
2. He cares for me; He cares for me;
He cares for me; He’s so good to me!
3. I’ll do His will; I’ll do His will;
I’ll do His will; He’s so good to me!
4. He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He’s so good to me.
5. He answers prayer, He answers prayer,
He answers prayer, He’s so good to me.

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HYMN

“The Law of God is Good and Wise”

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CLOSING

“How Firm A Foundation”

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Alan Carlson
Elder
Chairman
Sara Peterson
Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Bill Erck
Elder

Sara Peterson
Organist
Owen May
Thatcher May
Acolytes

Mike Beyer
Congregational

Rick Melius
Head Elder

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