



July 18, 2021
9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan 48009

ORDER OF WORSHIP
July 18, 2021 – 9:00 a.m./10:30 a.m.
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: My Friends in Christ

As We Gather

“Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us — a crucified God — must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.” John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

Prayer Before Worship

Lord, inspire us to read your Scriptures and meditate upon them day and night. We beg You to give us real understanding of what we need, that we in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in Your graceful love. So we ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into our hearts. Amen.

Prelude

Rick Helderop, organist

Opening Hymn 658 - 9:00

Onward, Christian Soldiers

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the Foe; forward into battle see His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

2. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in
charity. Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

3. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Song of Praise! - 10:30 Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone - Tomlin

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Chorus:

*My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has
ransomed me.*

And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Chorus (2X)

4. The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, Who called me here below, will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

Order of Service for Holy Communion

E: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: **Dear Confessor, I ask you please hear my confession and to pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill God's will.

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

*E: **God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith, Amen*

*E: **Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?*

C: **Yes, dear confessor

*E: **Let it be done for you as you believe. And I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

****from Martin Luther's Catechism -**

written by Luther for the priesthood of all believers (lay people)

to be used with those troubled with sin

Children's Message - 10:30

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7

(Adam and Eve)

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:19-22

(Slaves to Sin)

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Response: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Gospel Announcement

Response: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:1-9

(Jesus Feeds the 4,000)

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied. He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks,

he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away,

Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Thy Strong Word

1. Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-giving breath.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Sermon

Text: Genesis 2:7

“My Friends in Christ”
Vicar James Greenwalt

Prayer of the Church

Communion Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution (spoken by the Elder)

The Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

The Agnus Dei

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Christ Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Continuous communion has resumed. Wafers will be distributed by the Pastor/Vicar using a dispenser. The wine is in the individual cup trays in the glass cups allowing for each member to grab their own wine cup.

Communion Anthem

(9:00)

Rushing Wind – Keith Green

David Hardoin

(10:30)

What a Beautiful Name – Fielding/Ligertwood
Redeemer Praise

Benediction and Response: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*(favorite hymn of Sharon Tylenda, Sue Soltess, Linda Lewis,
Susan Dickey, Rick Russ, Zella Honemann)*

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Rick Helderop, organist

Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Karl and Leanna Bushuiakovish in praise to God for 41 years of marriage & family.

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Ushers

9:00 -Jim Grove, captain; Jim Endress, Bill Couger,
Jeff Kidder, Peter Pridmore, Kevin Browett

10:30 - Karl Bushuiakovish, captain; Jack Davis, Scott Kamm,
Brian May, John Mills, Walt Sweitzer, Greg Bloom

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Jim Wingo

10:30 - John Mills and David Hardoin

Thank you to our altar guild team members, usher team members, AV team members, acolytes, musicians, and all those who work so hard behind the scenes each week to make our services happen.