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July 19, 2020  
8:00/9:00/10:00 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**July 19, 2020 – 8:00/9:00/10:00 a.m.**  
**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Theme: Gratitude**

**As We Gather**

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

**Prayer Before Worship**

Dear Lord Jesus, every good and perfect gift is a blessing from You and You have blessed me with so much. I ask that You would use me to be a blessing to others who are in need or facing difficulties. Make me a channel of Your blessing, a channel through whom Your love and peace and joy and love flow out from You, through me to others. May I be Your hands to bless others. May You guide my feet to places where I can go and be a blessing. May my speech be seasoned with salt so that I may speak words of comfort and encouragement, and speak the truth in love. Give me the grace to be available when others are in need. Lord, I pray that You may increase in my life and I may decrease, so that the blessings that You pour through me to others, may draw each one closer into the arms of the Lord Jesus. In His name I pray,  
Amen.

If you share our beliefs regarding the Lord's Supper, we welcome you to our altar. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. Non-communing children and adults may receive a blessing from the Pastor, indicated by folding your arms across your chest as a sign you are not communing.

## **Prelude**

Rick Helderop, piano

## **Opening Hymn 36**    Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.
  
2. Oh, may this bounteous God thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!
  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **Order of Service for Holy Communion**

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

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**P&C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal**

**punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 12:1-3

(The Blessing of Abram)

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

### **Epistle Reading**

James 1:16-18

(The Father's Care)

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

**Response:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

### **Gospel Announcement**

**Response:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12

(The Beatitudes)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Response:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **Sermon Hymn**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of this hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

## **Sermon**

Text: Matthew 5:1-12  
"Chinese Symbol"  
Rev. Randall J. Schlak

## **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 Pastor)

### **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.

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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**

- ✠ The wafers are in plastic bags with 1 to 3 wafers in each bag.
- ✠ The wine is in individual plastic containers with lids.
- ✠ Each family unit will be invited forward by an usher to receive the elements after they are blessed.
- ✠ We will have two tables to serve two groups at a time.
- ✠ Pastor or Elder (masked) will bring the appropriate count of the elements to the table. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer or de-alcoholized wine, please let the Pastor or Elder know when you are at the table. You will then proceed to serve yourself the Body and Blood of Christ.
- ✠ Once done, you will take plastic bags and the containers with lids and place them in the receptacle that will be near the tables and you will go back to your seats.
- ✠ We will do this in a most reverent manner. I know it will seem strange to celebrate the Eucharist in such a different way than we are accustomed, but our goal is to be as safe as we can and not put anyone's health in jeopardy.
- ✠ If you do not feel comfortable receiving communion then please do not come forward. We want our worship environment to feel safe for all.

**Benediction and Response:** Amen! Amen! Amen!

## **Closing Hymn 15** From all that Dwell Below the Skies

1. From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung thro' ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Eternal are Thy mercies Lord; eternal truth attends Thy Word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore 'till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

Rick Helderop, piano



Flowers were placed by Brenda Wuggazer; and Karl & Leanna Bushuiakovish in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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### Audio/Video Operator

David Hardoin

### Musicians

9:00/10:00 - Redeemer Praise; Amy and Steve SeGraves, vocalists;

Brian Buckmaster, drums; Greg Weipert, guitar and bass

8:00/9:00/10:00 - Rick Helderop, piano