

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer



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February 7, 2021  
9:00 / 10:30 a.m.

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 7, 2021 – 9:00/10:30 a.m.**  
**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Theme: In the Presence of God**

**As We Gather**

Only 3 more services in this beloved Church Sanctuary that has served us so well. We are thankful for Redeemer and yes, this brick and mortar. The church is more than just a building; it is a people, the people of God. Why do the people of God need to meet together? What is the purpose for a place of worship? What is God desiring for us to find in this Sacred Space? Over the next 3 weeks we are going to reflect upon the Tabernacle, the 2 Temples, and Holy Dirt!

**Prayer Before Worship**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. (Psalm 95:1-7)

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

## **Call to Worship**

Glory Hallelujah - Helvey

Chancel Choir Quartet:

Michele Fredericks, Julie Noe, Max Trombley, Steve SeGraves

## **Opening Hymn**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of Creation.  
Oh my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings Yea, so gladly sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth.
3. Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee.

## **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**

Exodus 25:1-9

(The Tabernacle)

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give. These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and another type of durable leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

### **Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 8:1-6

(The High Priest of a New Covenant)

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is

mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

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

## **Gospel Announcement**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

John 1:1-5, 14

(The Word Became Flesh)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

## **Sermon Hymn 339**

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown Him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

## **Sermon**

Text: Exodus 25:1-9

"Build Me a Tabernacle"

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**

### **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

(Favorite hymn of Donna Hollis and Linda McCauley)

1. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face, believe His Word and trust His  
grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Postlude**

Rick Helderop



Sanctuary altar flowers were placed by Barbara and David Peterson in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary with the Lord continuing to bestow His blessings upon them.

Family of God Soup Kitchen sponsors for this month are: the Murphy family in thanksgiving for God's blessings; the Vanderhoef family; the Orava family in memory of Jack Orava and Tom Yeip; Kyle and Cheryl Chuhran in gratitude for the many blessings God has given us; and two anonymous donations.

Audio/Video Operators

9:00 - Don Meier and Peter Belanger

10:30 - Greg Merryman

Acolytes

9:00 - Anna and Molly Rubel

Ushers

9:00 - Mike Grattan, captain; Rick McDonald, Andrew Tafel,  
Bob Smith, Eric Rolf, Ron Lalone

10:30 - Bob Meyer, captain; Bill Baldner, Norman Morrell,  
Norman Martin, Terry Roberts, Matt Pedersen, Ron Curcio

**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.**

