

# The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**August 9, 2020**

*10:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

## **VISITORS AND MEMBERS**

Welcome! As we join in praising and interacting with the Living God, we are glad to have you with us. There are some precautions that we have taken to help ensure the health of everyone gathering to worship. ***1. Please continue to wear a mask, even during the service. If this makes singing too difficult for you, consider simply listening or “singing in your heart”. 2. We ask that you observe social distancing as best to your ability. 3. No attendance cards will be used. 4. Offerings will be collected at the door as you enter or leave.*** If you are new to our online community, please let us know by commenting “new”. We are glad you’re here and look forward to meeting you. If you wish, you may also send an email to [pastor@redeemerchurch.org](mailto:pastor@redeemerchurch.org). Please remember to “share” our worship post so that others may worship with us.

## **AS WE GATHER**

We are continuing with a sermon-series on treating the world with kindness. Part of that is caring for those Jesus calls “the least of these brothers of mine”. Do we think of caring for others as caring for Jesus? There is very little we can offer God. We can give Him our genuine praise. This He seeks. We can also care for others in His name.

## **LESSON FOR DISCIPLES**

A big part of being a disciple of Jesus is meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of others.

## **VERSE OF THE WEEK**

***“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.” (Luke 11:21-22)***

Meditate on this verse throughout the week. Families can discuss the verse at family devotions, during meals, in the car or at bedtime. How does the verse apply to your life and the things God is doing? Can you have it memorized by the end of the week?

# † PREPARATION †

## OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

(LSB 912)

### 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
 And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
 Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
 that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
 pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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## INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Father, we come to You for forgiveness and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Show us our sin and fill us with Your love.

*(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: For our failure to love the foreigner among us,

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: For not protecting or even taking advantage of the weak,

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: For any failure to care for others, knowing that this is caring for You,

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: For all our sins of thought, word and deed,

**People: Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: God is merciful, especially to the weak. Our sinful nature makes us weak and unable to save ourselves. In His mercy He has sought you and brought you into the body of Christ. Through Jesus your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN

### *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*(LSB 809)*

#### 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

# † WORD †

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Leviticus 19:33-37*

<sup>33</sup> "When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. <sup>34</sup> The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>35</sup> "Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. <sup>36</sup> Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt.

<sup>37</sup> "Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them. I am the LORD."

*(following the reading ...)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Jude 17-25*

<sup>17</sup> But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. <sup>18</sup> They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." <sup>19</sup> These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

<sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

<sup>24</sup> To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

*(following the reading ...)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 25:31-46*

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

*35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

*37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

*41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'*

*44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'*

*45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'*

*46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

*(following the reading ...)*

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## SERMON HYMN

*"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"*

*(LSB 851)*

### 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## SERMON

*Meeting the World with Kindness:  
 "Caring for the Least of These"*

*Intro: Does God have a bias toward the poor?*

### *I. God's People Reflecting God's Heart*

*A. The Metaphor of the Sheep and Goats*

*B. Judgement Day for the Righteous*

*C. Caring for the "least of these brothers of mine"*

*II. Who are the “least” and how do we care for them?*

*A. The Alien*

- 1. Immigrants in Israel*
- 2. Treated as native-born*
- 3. Love him as yourself, better than that...*
- 4. You were immigrants*
- 5. Our immigrant situation*

*B. The “Not So” Wise*

- 1. The ability to mislead or cheat the simple*
- 2. Doing things honestly*
- 3. Protecting people from the scammers*

*C. The Weak in Faith*

- 1. The mystery of faith*
- 2. Be merciful to those who doubt*
- 3. Snatch others from the fire/mercy mixed with fear*

*III. Are you strong enough for this?*

*A. Expectations proportional to our ability*

*B. By the Spirit you are capable of more than you think*

*C. When you become a giver rather than a taker*

*Has this sermon challenged you in any way? If so, how?*

*What other ways can somebody be part of the “least of these”?*

**RESPONSE OF FAITH** *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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke 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.

## OFFERING

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## OFFERTORY "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788 v.1,3)

### 788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

sts. 1, 3



1 For - give us, Lord, for shal - low thank - ful - ness,  
3 For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware:  
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# † SACRAMENT †

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us all to pray:

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE NOTE: Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, *1 Corinthians 11:27*, we ask all visitors to refer to our statement of belief found inside the back cover of this service folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, but we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"* (LSB 618)

### 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent year - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-



joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-



es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-



giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Forth In the Peace of Christ We Go”

(LSB 920)

920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;



Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
 That in His Church all nations find  
 Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
 True peace, true love to all mankind.

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POSTLUDE

“Honor and Glory, Power and Salvation”

by Broughton

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**NEXT WEEK'S ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

- The Book of Luke with Pastor Tom

‡ In Our Prayers ‡

**Grief**

For the friends and family of Bonnie Peerman

**Illness/Recovery**

Darla

Ken

Phyllis

**Intercession**

For Grace, that she would get the help she needs

For students, parents and teachers and faculty returning to school

For peace and patience among us all during these trying times

For our country, military, veterans, president and all those in leadership

For first responders, medical workers and all those in authority

For Redeemer Newburgh and all of our outreach efforts

For Abi, stationed in South Korea

For Cody and Katy, stationed in Italy

***Serving Today -***

**August 9, 2020**

**10:30 am Traditional Worship:**

Worship Assistant: Lara Goldey  
Attending Elder: Jeff Kappler  
Usher: Joel Budke  
Organist: Molly Wuertz

***Serving Next Week -***

**August 16, 2020**

**10:30 am Traditional Worship:**

Attending Elder: Jim Beard  
Organist: Molly Wuertz

**REDEEMER CHRISTIAN  
PRE-K AND PRESCHOOL**  
Christian education with a child-centered curriculum

**TUES/THURS CLASS**  
3-4 YR OLDS  
8:30-NOON  
\$100/MONTH

**MON/WED/FRI  
PRE-K CLASS**  
4-5 YR OLDS  
8:30-NOON  
\$125/MONTH

**MON-FRI CLASS**  
3-5 YR OLDS  
8:30-NOON  
\$200/MONTH

**Classes begin August 31!**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Trinity Lutheran Preschool in Darmstadt has an open part time position for the 2020-2021 school year. We are in need of someone to be our Extended Preschool Teacher. This position includes the supervision of 6-10 students that are enrolled in preschool full time, creating lesson plans, and organizing activities. The hours are from 1:30 PM-5:30 PM every Monday through Friday. Applicants must be 18 years or older and enjoy working with children. The position begins August 24, 2020. Pay is based on experience. Please visit our website [www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com](http://www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com) for more information and an application. If you have any questions, please email [brenna@tldarm.org](mailto:brenna@tldarm.org).