

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**October 1, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community*  
*To Do What's Best for the Community*

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**W**elcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

## ***Order of Worship***

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

### ***Welcome and Announcements***

#### ***Call to Worship***

“Oh How Good It Is”

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**Oh how good it is when the fam’ly of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.**

*(Chorus)* **So, with one voice we’ll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we’ll live out His word;  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *(chorus)***

**Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit. *(Chorus)***

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#### ***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### ***Confession***

**Lord God Almighty, during this season of growth we come to You in worship seeking Your forgiveness. We have not always read, marked and inwardly digested You Holy Word as You require. We have not been entirely faithful as Your baptized children. We have not kept our eyes fixed on You and the feast of victory that is ours in Your Son. Renew us today, that we might walk with You this week and grow in Your grace. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.**

#### ***Forgiveness of Sins***

#### ***Song of Praise***

“Great Are You Lord”

Ingram

**You give life, You are love. You bring light to the darkness.**

**You give hope. You restore ev’ry heart that is broken.**

**And great are You, Lord.**

**It’s Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.**

**It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only. (repeat)**

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***Prayer of the Day***

We pray together:

**O Lord, keep Your church in perpetual mercy; and because we would fail without You, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

***The First Reading***

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 ESV

The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you<sup>[a]</sup> mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. <sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. <sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

***The Second Reading***

Philippians 2:1-18 ESV

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,<sup>[c]</sup> being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as

you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### *The Gospel Reading*

Matthew 21:23-32 ESV

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup> But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup> “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup> And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

### *Children’s Message*

#### *Sermon Song of Praise*

“Speak, O Lord”

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**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.**

**Take Your truth; plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness**

**That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.**

**Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.**

**Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.**

**Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with  
us.**

**Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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## *Message*

### *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was  
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From  
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## *Prayers of the People*

### *The Lord's Prayer*

### *Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings*

*(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)*

“What Love My God”

Robinson

**What love, my God, could bring You down to earth?**

**What King would take a low and lonely birth?**

**Yet to this dark and broken place You came  
to sleep beneath the stars that You had made.**

**What love, my God, would send the Way of Life**

**To walk the road rejected and despised,**

**That You might know the weakness I possess**

**And be my rock of strength and righteousness?**

*(Chorus)* **O Your love, my God, like a flood as heaven opened up pouring out on us.**

**O praise the King who came to the world in His love like a mighty flood.**

**What love, my God, could hold You to the tree**

**To bear that overwhelming debt for me?**

**The Son of heaven leaves the Father's side,**

**The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die. *(Chorus)***

**What love, my God, so gracious and extreme  
Was strong enough to come and fight for me,  
To go through hell and down into the grave  
And raise me up to see You face to face?  
You raise me up to see You face to face. (Chorus)**

**In His love like a mighty flood.**

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### ***The Offering Prayer***

### ***The Words of Institution***

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### ***Distribution Songs of Praise***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)*

"Lamb of God"

Wanous

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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"Blessed Assurance"

Knapp

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O, what a foretaste of glory divine!**

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*(Chorus)* **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;**

**Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Chorus)**

**Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;**

**Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*(Chorus)*

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"O Church Arise"

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**O Church, arise, and put your armour on; Hear the call of Christ our Captain.  
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.  
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;  
An army bold, whose battle cry is Love, reaching out to those in darkness.  
Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure.  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an inheritance of nations.  
Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet as the Son of God is stricken;  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle;  
That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a servant, good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls, and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.**

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### ***The Communion Blessing***

### ***The Prayer of Thanksgiving***

### ***The Benediction***

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.

**Amen.**

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Closing Song of Praise***

“Majestic”

Brewster

**O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth**

**O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your Name in all the earth**

*(Chorus)* **The heavens declare Your greatness**

**The oceans cry out to You**

**The mountains they bow down before You**

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You! *(repeat all)***

**I will worship You; I will worship You**

**We will worship You; We will worship You *(Chorus)***

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!**

**So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You!**

