

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
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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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Welcome 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

“Impossible Things”

Tomlin/Brown

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

(Chorus) **There is no healer like the Lord our Maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'cause You do impossible things.
Yeah, You do impossible things.**

**Though I walk through the valley, darkness surrounding me,
There You prepare a table, Mm in the presence of my enemies, yeah!
You do the impossible, possible.**

(Bridge twice) **One word and the walls start falling. One word and the blind will see.
One word and the sinner's forgiven, 'cause You do impossible things!**

**There is no healer like the Lord our Maker
There is no equal to the King of kings, oh
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'cause You do impossible things. *(Repeat)***

**You heal the broken hearted You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden and even now You are lifting me.**

Yes, even now You are lifting me. Oh, even now You are lifting me.

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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

“Be Unto Your Name”

DeShazo/Sadler

**We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.**

Chorus: **Holy, holy Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.**

**We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name.**
(chorus)

Be unto Your name, Your name.

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Prayer of the Day

We pray together:

**O God, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in
all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Children's Message

Sermon Song of Praise

“Come to Jesus (Rest in Him)”

Kauflin

**Are you weary, heavy laden? Come and lay your burdens down;
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you; rest in Him.
He is gentle, He is lowly, He delights to bring us peace;
Tender Shepherd, mighty Savior: rest in Him.**

(Chorus) **How sure his compassion for us! Oh how deep is his love;
So come, come to Jesus and rest in Him.**

**Are you hopeless, are you guilty? Caught in shame for all your sin?
He pursues you to forgive you; rest in Him.
He has paid for ev'ry failure, Mercy flows in endless streams;
Come and follow, freedom call you: rest in Him. *(Chorus)***

**Are you waiting in your sorrows For this broken world to heal?
He is coming, soon returning; rest in Him.
We will see Him, we will know Him, O what heights of grace revealed;
From His kindness ev'ry promise then fulfilled;
Trust in Jesus, He will keep us to the end. *(Chorus)***

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The First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9 ESV

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have

compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 ESV

I want you to know, brothers,^[e] that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard^[f] and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word^[g] without fear. ¹⁹ For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy^[h] of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16 ESV

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius^[a] a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the

house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’^[b] ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

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.)

“Soul on Fire”

Powell

(Chorus) **God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'til I am a soul on fire.**

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways.

I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire, 'til I am a soul on fire.

(Repeat chorus)

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.

In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You, yeah! *(Chorus once)*

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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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"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Habershon

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

(Chorus) **He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;**

For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *(Chorus)*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *(Chorus twice)*

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"It Is Well With My Soul"

Spafford/Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

when sorrows like sea billows roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(Chorus) **It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,

let this blest assurance control;

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,

and hath shed His own blood for my soul. *(Chorus)*

**My sin O, the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Chorus)
And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul. (Chorus)**
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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

“River of Life”

Powell

Chorus: Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river.

Guaranteed you'll never be the same

There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior.

Bring your sins and all your guilty stains;

Let that river of life wash it all away.

If you've been searching, carrying burdens,

If you've been lost and looking for a home,

If you've been drifting and something is missing,

You should know that you are not alone. (Chorus)

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