

# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

God has showered us with love, and we respond by uniting in worship. Welcome, one and all! There are welcome pads at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, September 23, 2018, 8:30am

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

## Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✙ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

"Build Up"

*(Chorus)* Build up, prepare the way. Remove the obstructions from my people's way.

Build up, prepare the way, God is near, God is here today.

Break the chains of injustice. Let the oppressed go free.

Share our homes with the homeless and our bread with the hungry. *(Chorus)*

God sees all our destruction; how we get in love's way.

Still God comes and meets us with a steady healing embrace. *(Chorus)*

Then your light will break forth like the dawn

And your healing will break into song. *(Chorus)*

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## Prayer of the Day

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

“Might to Save”

Everyone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Savior The hope of nations

*(Chorus)* Savior He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow Everything I believe in Now I surrender *(Chorus)*

Shine your light And let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory Of the risen King  
Jesus Shine your light And let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory Of the risen King *(Chorus)*

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## Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

## Special Music

“Reap What You Sow” by Pepper Choplin

*May God bless the seeds that are planted in the kingdom today as we do God's work with our hands.  
By grace through faith, one day we will hear “well done, my child, come taste the joy of heaven's reward!”*

Praise & Rejoice Choir; Solo: Buck Crouse  
Directed by Arlene Brandt-Jenson

## Psalm

Psalm 54

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

## Lesson

James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## Children's Church

in the Chapel with Tammy DeLange

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Song**

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

*(Chorus)* How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God

And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands

Beginning and the End Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb *(Chorus)*

*(Bridge)* Name above all names Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing How great is our God *(Repeat Bridge) (Chorus 2 times)*

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**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Offering**

## Prayer Song

“The Spirit Intercedes for Us”

The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express oh, oh, oh.

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## Prayers of the Church

*Hospitalized/ill:* Muriel Resick, Laura Oldre, Marv Sherrill, Nettie Austin, Chad Lambert, Judean Schwinger, Holly Schimmel, Geri Mahlen, Kathy Hibbert, Drake Rounds, Diane Hane, Robyn VanMeter, Carol VanHeel, Kathy Carstens, Stan Peterson, Joel Manus, *brother of Pam (Al) Raeder* Donnie Ammon, *cousin of Nancy Slostad* Shirley Olson, *sister-in-law of Darlene Bailey* Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison* Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner* Cheryl Olson, *sister of Marshall (Tiffany) Olson* Joshua Anderson, *grandson of Merle & Teri Bruner*

*Death:* Ron Holter, *father of Brian (Deb) Holter*

*Marriage:* Hannah Whitlock & Lincoln Swenson (9/22/2018)

*Birth:* Gus Henry born to Andy & Sheila Jenc (9/17/2018)

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## The Lord’s Prayer

## Benediction

## **Sending Song**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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## **Call to Service**

**Pastor:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Join us at the end of the 10:30am worship service for a God’s work.**

**Our hands. Blessing, Picture and Table Prayer. See You There!**

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## **Serving This Morning**

**Worship Team:** Directed by Jim Miller

**Sound & Projection:** Aaron Sowers, Kent Anderson

**Head Ushers:** Buck Crouse, Todd VanMeter

**Acolytes:** Jayden Lambert, Jacob Hanson

**Greeters:** Burdette & Janet Drake, Terry & Brenda Rydell

**Lector:**

**Ushers:** Janet Drake, Gary & Sandy Zubke, Dave & Bodae Elliott, Terry & Brenda Rydell

**Welcome Center:** Gail Helland

**Coffee Servers:**