

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Welcome to worship and the start of a new year of Christian education.

May all who gather here know God's love. There are welcome pads at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, September 9, 2018, 8:30am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**

"All Are Welcome"

(Chorus) All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior

All are welcome All are welcome here

From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus' feet.

To the man who knows the right way but cannot see. *(Chorus)*

From the ones who feel forgotten those who sense their place is gone.

To the ones who live in hunger here you belong. *(Chorus)*

Go into the streets and cities to the farms and families.

Tell about the splendid table God's mercy. *(Chorus 2 times)*

*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

“One Maker”

Leaf falling, river running, flower dying in the Fall.

Dead of Winter, Spring is coming, who can understand it all?

Time moving, earth spinning, another new beginning.

One Spirit, one Savior, one Maker for them all.

One suffering, one crying, one back against the wall

One living, one dying, one learning how to crawl.

Some given in sorrow, some praying for tomorrow.

One Spirit, one savior, one Maker for them all.

(Chorus) One Spirit of the earth surrounds us. One Savior with his arms around us.

One Maker with a promise for them all.

One Spirit, one savior, one Maker for them all. One Spirit, one savior, one Maker for them all.

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Special Music

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” by Angerman and Martin

Praise & Rejoice Choir; Directed by Arlene Brandt-Jenson; Accompanied by Mary Wika

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Lesson

James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Children’s Sermon

*Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name
(Pre-Chorus) Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord Still I will say
(Chorus) Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name
Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name *(Pre-Chorus & Chorus)*
You give and take away You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord blessed be Your name *(Chorus twice)*

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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.

Installation of Christian Education Director & Blessing of Church School Teachers

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/III: Diane Hane, Geri Mahlen, Kathy Hibbert, Drake Rounds,
Carol VanHeel, Kathy Carstens, Stan Peterson,
Terry Kallenberger Jr., brother of Christy and Rob (Theresa) Kallenberger
Margie Gertson, mother of Greg (Connie) Gertsen and Gerri (Jeff) Ellis
Donnie Ammon, cousin of Nancy Slostad
Kadie Neuharth, cousin of Amber (Josh) Dahl
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*

Baptism: Mila Kay Givens, infant daughter of Tom & Lindsey Givens

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***The Lord’s Prayer**

***Benediction**

***Sending Song**

“My Life is In You Lord”

(Chorus) My life is in You Lord My strength is in You Lord My hope is in You Lord
In You it's in You My life is in You Lord My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord In You it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life with all of my strength All of my hope is in You *(Chorus)*

In You

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***Call to Service**

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

People: Thanks be to God!

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Serving This Morning

Worship Team: Directed by Jim Miller

Sound & Projection: Pete Juba, Robyn VanMeter

Head Ushers: Darwin Brinkman, Steve Kjellsen

Greeters: Doug & Maylou Austin, Burdette & Janet Drake, Terry & Breda Rydell

Lector: Doug Austin

Ushers: Janet Drake, Terry & Brenda Rydell, Greg & Sandy Zubke, Dale & Janet Even

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst, Darlene Bailey

Coffee Servers: Doug & Maylou Austin

Flowers on the altar are given by Larry & Marlys Lenning
in honor of their 55th Wedding Anniversary.