

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Welcome to worship in the name of the Creator who paints autumn leaves, the Savior who teaches us to warm hearts with love, and the Spirit who guides us through life's seasons. Amen. Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, October 14, 2018, 10:30am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Mission Opportunities

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 Hymn

"What Is This Place"

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Greeting and Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

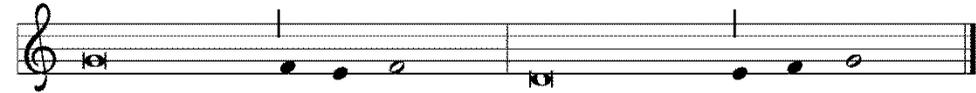
"Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty, arr. By Douglas E Wagner

Praise & Rejoice and Handbell Choirs

Directed by Arlene Brandt-Jenson and Bev Splinter

Psalm

Psalm 24:1-6



¹The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing | from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

Lesson

Philippians 3:12-21

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. ¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Children's Church

in the Chapel with Gwen McGillivray

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Sermon

Imagine the Blessings

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Special Music

"I Can Only Imagine"

Justin & Codi Hanson Family

Apostles' Creed

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Offering

*Offertory Response

"Create in Me"

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/ill: Leanne Johnson, Laney Nuttall, Joan Goeman, Christine Walraven, Beth Garnos, Kathy Hibbert, Sonya Benson, Marv Sherrill, Nettie Austin, Chad Lambert, Drake Rounds, Robyn VanMeter, Carol VanHeel, Stan Peterson, Ray Switzer, *father of TJ & Jenny (Hoover) Switzer* Joel Manus, *brother of Pam (Al) Raeder* Corey Waletzko, *niece of Mary Jo Manzey* Donnie Ammon, *cousin of Nancy Slostad* Jim Wiggs, *brother of Chala (Tom) Lechner*

Birth: Gracy Ellen Anderson, *born to Mitchell & Kelsey Anderson on October 9*

Death: Corky Moehring, *father of Nancy (Mark) Reishus* Maxine Ohnstad, *mother of Mark (Tammy) Ohnstad* LaVern Papka, *sister of Evelyn Halonen*

The Lord's Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

"We Are Called"

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Call to Service

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Serving Sunday Morning

Pianist: Mary Wika

Head Usher: Hugh Bartels, Kevin Luoma

Acolytes: Josie Althoff, Kooper Heiser

Sound & Projection: Robyn VanMeter, Kent Anderson

Greeters: Sam & Mary Hatlestad

Ushers:

Lector:

Psalm Cantor: Buck Crouse

Sunday Morning Helpers: Allen & Julie Rude

Coffee Servers:

Welcome Center: Pam Luckhurst, Darlene Bailey

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