

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to this house of worship! May our praise and prayers be pleasing to God, and may we be eager recipients of his Word. Welcome pads are at the end of each pew; please sign your name and pass it along.

Sunday, October 7, 2018, 8:30am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Mission Opportunities and Sharing of the Peace

Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Song

“Firm Foundation”

(Chorus) Jesus You're my firm foundation I know I can stand secure

Jesus You're my firm foundation I put my hope in Your holy Word

I put my hope in Your holy Word

I have a living hope (ECHO) I have a future (ECHO)

God has a plan for me (ECHO) Of this I'm sure of this I'm sure *(Chorus)*

Your Word is faithful (ECHO) Mighty in power (ECHO)

God will deliver me (ECHO) Of this I'm sure of this I'm sure *(Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music

“Come, Be Fed” by Ruth Elaine Schram and Celsie Stagers

Praise & Rejoice Choir

Directed by Arlene Brandt-Jenson

Accompanied by Mary Wika

Presentation of Story Bibles to 3 year olds

Lesson

Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Song

"He is Exalted"

He is exalted the King is exalted on high I will praise Him
 He is exalted forever exalted And I will praise His name
 He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign
 Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
 He is exalted the King is exalted on high *(Repeat)*

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

"Be Still"

(Chorus) Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Amidst the chaos of the daily hear the small voice. *(Chorus)*

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Prayers of the Church

Hospitalized/III: Liz Hustad, Marnee McConnell, Laney Nuttall, Corky Moehring, Beth Garnos
Sonya Benson, Marv Sherrill, Nettie Austin, Chad Lambert, Kathy Hibbert,
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*

Death: Russ Wilkins, *husband of Charlene Wilkins*

Marriage: MaKenzie Redemske & Drew Bakken on October 6

Prayer Song

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Holy Communion

Words of Institution – The Lord’s Prayer – Distribution

Extended Altar – Holy Communion delivered to shut-ins by lay people.

“Thy Word”

(Chorus) Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, Still you’re there right beside me;

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. *(Chorus)*

I will not forget your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wand’ring;

Jesus be my guide hold me to your side. I will love you to the end. *(Chorus)*

Nothing will I fear, as long as your are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

You’re the light unto my path. You’re the light unto my path.

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“My Soul Will Rest”

When there's bread for all people Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul Oh, my soul

When there's bread for all people Then my soul will rest Oh my soul will rest

Oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, oh, oh When there's bread for all people

Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul will rest

When we all have safe shelter Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul Oh, my soul

When we all have safe shelter Then my soul will rest Oh my soul will rest

Oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, oh, oh When we all have safe shelter

Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul will rest

When there's peace on this planet Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul Oh, my soul

When there's peace on this planet Then my soul will rest Oh my soul will rest

Oh, oh, oh, oh Oh, oh, oh When there's peace on this planet

Then my soul will rest Oh, my soul will rest

Oh, my soul When I'm laid in the soil Then my soul will rest

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Post Communion Blessing

Blessing/Sending of Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits

Benediction

Sending Song

“Make Me an Instrument”

When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, Oh let me be there.

When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, Let me be there.

(Chorus) Make me an instrument of your love. Let me be a channel from above.

Make me an instrument of your love, An instrument of your love.

When someone is hungry, when someone is cold, let me be there, Oh let me be there.

When someone needs help to carry their load, Let me be there. *(Chorus)*

If someone should wonder is God still alive, let me be there, Oh let me be there.

If someone should wonder does God really care, Let me be there. *(Chorus)*

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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

Presiding: Pastor Kent Stillson

Preaching: Pastor Dan Ofstehage

Worship Team

Head Ushers: Darwin Brinkman and Steve Kjellsen

Acolytes: Jacob Hanson, Jayden Lambert

Greeters:

Sound & Projection: Pete Juba, Darian Givens

Lector:

Ushers: Bob & Dawn Johnson

Communion Assistants:

Sunday Morning Helpers: Terry & Brenda Rydell

Coffee Servers:

Welcome Center: Lynn Langner, Darlene Bailey