



# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 10:30am

### Prelude

Variations on Three Prayer Hymns:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

“Did You Think to Pray?”

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

### Welcome and introduction of the theme of the day.

### Temple Talk

### Invocation, Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

## Connecting with God – Practicing our Faith

In you, O God, we find stillness. In stillness, we know that you are God. As we practice silence in your name,

**Keep us in your grace**

In our homes and as we gather, you, O God, nourish us in scripture, in the words of the faith, with your Word of life. As we practice reading your Word in your name,

**Keep us in your grace**

We make a joyful noise to you, O God, and all the earth breaks into joyous songs of praise. Tune us to the rhythms of your love. As we practice hearing and making music in your name,

**Keep us in your grace**

You, O God, have taught us to pray in your hallowed name. In gratitude, in need, and for all the world we come to you with our whole selves and our prayers, listening for your Holy Spirit. As we practice prayer in your name,

**Keep us in your grace**

Faith without works is a static faith. O God, when we feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, visit the imprisoned, and welcome the unwelcome, we are doing the same for you. As we practice giving and serving in your name,

**Keep us in your grace**

## Prayer of the Day

**Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Clara Belle Shepherd, infant daughter of Sheldon & Tasha Shepherd*

*Sponsors: Grant & Connie McGill and Jeff & Kristi Brunsting*

### Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **Welcome**

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **Lesson**

Romans 8:18-27

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

## Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

## Sermon

"Prayer"

Pastor Dan Ofstehage

## Hymn of the Day

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

## Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

## Prayers of the Church

*Hospitalized/Ill:* Willie Selzler, Karla Stimson, Bev Owen, Drake Rounds,  
Barb Iverson, *friend of Ken & Renae Madison*  
Rodger Gross, *friend of Bill & Cathy Zubke*  
Donna Keiser, *step-mother of Caryn Isaacson*  
MaryAnn McAtee, *mother of Anne (Heath) Rylance*  
Josh Anderson, *grandson of Terri Bruner*  
Del Bren, *father of Heather Rasmussen*

*Deaths:* Moe Greiner, *brother-in-law to Bernie (Kevin) Luoma*  
Wayne Torper, *cousin-in-law to Alberta Frerichs*  
Rev. Gilbert Bunde, *father of Tammy (Jim) Hunter*

## Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

## Sending

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

March Pontificale (Lemmens)

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## Serving Sunday Morning

**Presiding:** Pastor Kent Stillson

**Preaching:** Pastor Dan Ofstehage

**Organist:** AJ Sherrill

**Singer:**

**Sound & Projection:** Brian Bollinger

*Summer Sermon Series*

Connecting with God: Practicing our Faith  
will continue next week with our focus on Giving & Serving.