

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 6, 2020



"Whoever humbles himself like this child
is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:4



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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” *LSB 902 v. 1-2*



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 32

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C: **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”**

P: Before You, Lord, and one another we confess our sins.

C: **Forgive us for trusting in things apart from You.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax

collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

“Little Mess Menders”

Matthew 18:1-20

Additional References in the Sermon

And whoever gives one of these *little ones* even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. *(Matthew 10:42)*

Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is *least* in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. *(Matthew 11:11)*

It is the *smallest of all seeds*, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. *(Matthew 13:32)*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, *of whom I am the foremost.* *(1 Timothy 1:15)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 32 and Numbers 6:24-26

P: Therefore let everyone who is godly,

C: Offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;

P: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;

C: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”** *LSB 843 v. 1-3*
Sung to the tune of “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

- 1 **“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace,
To live the words we say.**

- 2 **How can Your pardon reach and bless,
The unforgiving heart,
That broods on wrongs and will not let,
Old bitterness depart?**

- 3 **In blazing light Your cross reveals,
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!**

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday’s worship: Read Matthew 18:1-20

- Place Matthew 18:4 somewhere you can see it and reflect on the freedom we have as a little child in God’s household.
- Pray, asking God to show you whether there is a relationship which would benefit from more fully embracing your identity as a little child in God’s household.

For preparation for next week: Read Genesis 50:15-21

- How did Joseph’s brothers feel now that the brother they hurt was second in command in Egypt?
- What relationship changed Joseph’s perspective of his brothers? (verses 19-20)

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Organist - Trudy Rowold

Elders	8:00 am	Danny Kiedaisch (212-0504)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf (826-6335)
Ushers	8:00 am	Greg Kahwaji (Lead) and Mark Soukup
	10:30 am	David Liebers (Lead) and Greg Johnson
Altar Guild	8:00 am	Robin Buhler
	10:30 am	OPEN

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Kevin and Tammy Holmes in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary on September 9th and for God's many blessings in their life.