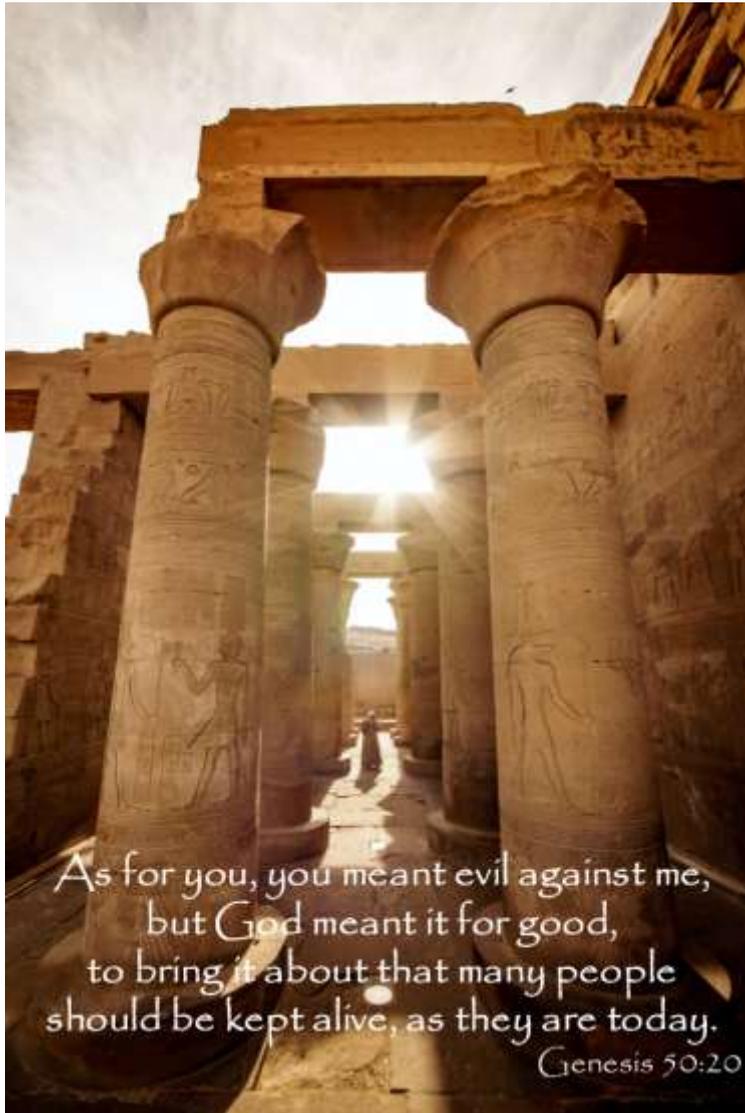


# OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2020



As for you, you meant evil against me,  
but God meant it for good,  
to bring it about that many people  
should be kept alive, as they are today.

Genesis 50:20

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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.

## **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE**

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Jesus Loves Me”

LSB 488



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

*Based on Psalm 103*

P: Although in our sin we hold onto grudges,

C: **The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: Our sins against God and our neighbor deserve death.

C: **He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.**

P: We come confessing our sins of thought, word, and deed,

C: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

ABSOLUTION

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 50:15–21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

### GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 18:21–35*

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

## 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

“God Intended It for Good”

*Genesis 50:15-21*

### Additional References in the Sermon

There I will *provide* for you, for *there are* yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.

*(Genesis 45:11)*

He shall be to you a restorer of life and a *nourisher* of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.

*(Ruth 4:15)*

Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there *to feed* you.

*(1 Kings 17:9)*

Forty years you *sustained* them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing.

Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

*(Nehemiah 9:21)*

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

*(Psalm 28:7)*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he *will sustain* you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

*(Psalm 55:22)*

## 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.**

### CLOSING BLESSING

*Based on Psalm 103 and Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**C:** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

**P:** Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases,

**C:** Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**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 SONG

#### “Shepherd of Tender Youth”

*LSB 864 v. 1-2*

1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in  
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -  
love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
You so might save our race And give us life.

## Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Genesis 50:15-21

- Put Genesis 50:20 somewhere you will see it this week.
- Pray, asking God to show you where there may be a situation where intentions may be unclear but He is using for good.

For preparation for next week: Read Matthew 19:23-20:16

- Who might the disciples have considered first? Who might they have considered last?
- Why might the master have instructed the foreman the way he did in verse 8?

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*Serving Us Today*

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**Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

<b>Elders</b>	8:00 am	Chris Byers	(275-5040)
	10:30 am	John Ohlendorf	(826-6335)
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00 am	Greg Kahwaji (Lead) and Mark Soukup	
	10:30 am	David Liebers (Lead) and Greg Johnson	

*Altar Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Mike and Nancy Hathaway in thanksgiving to the Lord for keeping them healthy through this trying time.*