

+ WE WORSHIP OUR LORD
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022, 9:00AM +

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying (826)

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
 “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 “Here am I, send me, send me”?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
 You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
 With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
 To the Savior’s waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
 Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Off’ring life and peace to all,

With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

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

C Amen.

P Lord God, our gracious Father,

C **I confess that I have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using my freedom to love my neighbors as myself, I have served my own selfish interests. I have chosen to live as my sinful flesh desires instead of as Your perfect law requires. Forgive me, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show me in the death and resurrection of Your Son. Fill me with the**

fruit of Your Spirit so that I may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name I pray, Amen.

P The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Together, we pray,

C **Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall

Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

REDEEMER CHOIR

Lord, I Look to You

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall

love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Neighbor (Tune 883)

1. Unclean and battered, torn by sin, by things I do,
my thoughts within, I lie there bloodied on life's road with
death and hell my only load.

2. Across that road the world passed by turning a deaf ear to my cry. No help to give, they could not save and so they left me for my grave.

3. And, what of me, when I saw need? Did I my Savior's bidding heed? Too often on the other side I've walked away because of pride.

4. Sin bleeds from me and stops my breath, In Adam all I know is death; My works are rags, my offerings vain, from dust I came, in dust remain.

5. But in my need my Savior died, not passing on the other side. Re-breathed His Spirit in my dust, bound up my wounds, declared me just.

6. Now, safe within His Church I'm free; Blood, Water, Spirit plead for me, The Ark of God, the Inn of Grace where I behold my Father's Face.

7. May I, in Christ, my Neighbor know binding his wounds serves Christ below. Your love for him make plain through me that he may, too, Your glory see.

8. You loved me when I could not love, for my sin barred me from above. In Christ my love is now set free, O praise and bless the Trinity!

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SERMON

Servanthood

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

P Beloved in the Lord, the Bible warns us that all things should be done decently and in order. To that end, the constitution and bylaws of Redeemer Lutheran establish different offices and Boards to which men and women are elected to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the early Christian Church as described in Acts, Chapter 6: the 12 summoned the full number of the disciples and said, it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will

devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

P: You have been chosen and elected to fill offices and positions of responsibility. You are to work with me as your Pastor, that our life together in Jesus may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God's house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments are properly administered, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for all workers. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Jesus here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Jesus are expected of all members, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers and Board members in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and your family of faith, I ask you: Do you accept the office and position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your

duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the LCMS?

C I do

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these whom you have elected to serve as officers and Board members of Redeemer Lutheran. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C We do.

P Brothers and sisters in Jesus, I install you as officers and Board members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your office that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

C Amen.

P We pray...heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your

Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served and have completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** 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.
- C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*COMMISSIONING OF OUR YOUTH & LEADERS FOR
THE 2022 NYG*

- P** Jesus is the image of the invisible God. He is over,
C **Youth: All things.**
- P** By Him,
C **All things,**
- P** were created.
- P** Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
thrones, powers, rulers and authorities,

C All things,
P were created by Him and for Him.

P He is before,
C All things,

P and He holds,
C All things,

P together in Jesus.

P God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Jesus
and through Jesus to reconcile to Himself to,

C All things.

P In all things continue in your faith, remain established
and firm, remain unmoved from the hope you have in
the Gospel which brings hope,

C Amen!

P Sent by Jesus, who is over all things, who created all
things and who holds all things, I commission you for
the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering so that you may
experience God, who is in all things, in the name of the
Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen, thanks be to God!

P Go now in the freedom and forgiveness that Jesus provides, established in Him and by His will remain unmoved in the hope of the Gospel...and have an awesome time!

C Amen!

BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN CHRIST THE ETERNAL LORD (829)

1 Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

2 Christ the unchanging Word
To ev'ry passing age,

Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.

3 Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,

Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

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