

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SERVICE



COMMEMORATION OF C. F. W. WALTHER

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 11:15am
Cantate Sunday
Commemoration of C. F. W. Walther

Renowned and accomplished theologian C. F. W. Walther, father of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, experienced the depths of despair. Out of this despair came his Easter hymn, “He’s Risen, He’s Risen,” proclaiming the risen Lord Jesus that we yet sing with Him.

How beautifully a hymn from a despairing soul proclaims the joy and comfort of Christ Risen!

Opening Praise Song

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Christ is our cornerstone,

C: on Him alone we build.

P: In Him we are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.

C: We are called to proclaim His excellencies to the world.

P: Though Jesus is our cornerstone and has changed our identity to be His chosen people, we often build upon things other than Jesus. Such building crumbles to the ground, for unless we build on Jesus, we labor in vain. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

...Silence for reflection...

P: Heavenly Father,

C: though I am Your chosen child, I have acted in accordance with the world rather than Your Word. I have proclaimed hatred and violence rather than Your excellencies. Forgive me, renew me, and restore me as Your newborn, chosen, priestly child, on account of Jesus. Amen.

P: Though Jesus was rejected and killed, God raised Him from the dead, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. I am forgiven. I am a newborn, chosen, priestly child of God.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Jesus, You are the cornerstone and foundation upon which Your Church is built. Tear down all that we have built that was built apart from You, and secure us upon Yourself, our Rock and our Redeemer, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 2:2–10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(John 14:1-14)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Sermon *C.F.W. Walther*

Sermon Hymn, #480

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Jesus is our cornerstone **C: on Him alone we build.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of our Lord

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Jesus, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Together, we pray,

C: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Daily remind us of our identity in You as a newborn, chosen, priestly people called to proclaim Your excellencies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

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