

Service of Prayer and Proclamation

July 5, 2020 • Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS
Charleston, WV

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus at Your Word

LSB 904

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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Brief time of silence to think on God's Word and the sin we need to confess

C O almighty God, merciful Father, we poor miserable sinners, confess unto You all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But we are heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and we pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us, poor, sinful beings.

ABSOLUTION

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P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:41–48

Let your steadfast love come to me, | O LORD,*
your salvation according to your | promise;
then shall I have an answer for him who | taunts me,*
for I trust | in your word.
And take not the word of truth utterly out | of my mouth,*
for my hope is in your | just decrees.
I will keep your law con- | tinually,*
forever and | ever,
and I shall walk in a | wide place,*
for I have sought your | precepts.
I will also speak of your testimonies be- | fore kings*
and shall not be | put to shame,
for I find my delight in your com- | mandments,*
which | I love.
I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, | which I love,*
and I will meditate on your | statutes.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:12–13

P A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 8:

“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the LORD of hosts, him you shall regard as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

I Peter 3:13–16

P A reading from I Peter, the third chapter.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:34–38

P The Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Make A Defense: Prepared to Make a Defense

APOSTLES’ CREED

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Merciful Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us grace sufficient for our needs and all those for whom we pray.

Brief silence

Our God and King, as once Your people received You in joy, open our hearts to rejoice in Your coming so that we may meet You in Your Word and Sacrament, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Help us to bless and extol Your name before the nations and to declare Your salvation to the generations to come, proclaiming that You are merciful and gracious and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our merciful God and Lord, You are good to all Your creation. Continue to bless Your Church and to provide for her faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word and church workers who will serve us in Your name. Make bold our witness before the nations, and help us to act in love toward our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Creator and Lord, from You all things come and to You are all things directed. Provide for our nation faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your law, protect and defend the citizens, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and inspire us to use our freedom honorably. Make us mindful of the heritage our forebears have given to this land, and guide us to be faithful in our stewardship of all the resources You have provided. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our wise and giving God, You are the God of truth and in You is no falsehood or deception. Help us to delight in Your Law, to love what is good and true and right, and to seek after these things. Help us to wage war against the old Adam within us, restore us when we stray from Your Word, and forgive us when we give into the devil's temptations. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Our compassionate Lord, we do not suffer alone the pain and afflictions of this life, but we live them out within Your grace and are sustained by Your mercy. Hear us on behalf of the sick, those who suffer, the grieving and those to whom death is near. According to Your will, deliver them from their afflictions and give to all Your strength, patience and hope, that they may endure to eternal life. Show compassion, and drive all pestilence from our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our loving Father, You have hidden Your greatness from our wisdom and made Your ways known to children. Guide us to bring our children to the waters of Baptism, to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to know perfect rest and peace within Your loving arms. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our gentle God and Lord, You have invited us to come to You with the heavy burdens of this life, that we may find rest and peace in Your mercy. Grant relief to those who struggle, supply to those in need, hope to those who fear, and peace to those who are anxious, that we may be delivered from all adversity and brought to everlasting life, where we shall join the saints of old in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our heavenly Father and gracious God, as we come to the table Your Son has set, grant to us faith and repentance so that we may receive with joy and thanksgiving His flesh in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that what we have received with our lips we may keep in holiness of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, blessed Lord, we pray You to grant us according to Your merciful goodness and for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Thus, we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father which 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

DISTRIBUTION

*More Love to Thee, O Christ
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
Be Thou My Vision*

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TABLE THANKSGIVING

- P** Now, may this the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you in the one true faith unto life everlasting as you go in His peace and with His Spirit.
- C** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION (Aaronic)

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand

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PRAYER LIST

Terri North and other members of Cleo's family (nephew and niece of Janet Winans) Cleo passed into eternity Thursday evening.

Judy Knox has received medicine and treatment for a fourth bout of shingles and must remain quarantined from her brand-new great-granddaughter.

John (neighbor of Tee Boyd) will undergo surgery to remove melanoma from his back.

Rick and Sue Robinson (friends of Jeff and Tina Clark) Rick is recovering well in ICU following open-heart surgery and Sue suffers health issues and should also be included in prayers.

Keith Ritz (father of Kevin Ritz) underwent open-heart surgery today (Wednesday) without complications, but the coming days are critical. Keith is considered "high-risk" due to other health considerations.

Melissa (friend of Kelly Reimert) recovering well from heart catheterization but dealing with a poor prognosis given to her father and is having to juggle her own health struggles with helping care for her father.

Family of Jessica Stanley (niece of Melody Trierwiler) passed into eternity following complications from cancer surgery. The family has recently experienced other serious health challenges and deaths, the impact of which has been exacerbated by the quarantine.

Family of Gary Peters (brother-in-law of Pastor Jack) passed into eternity June 25.

Cheron Stanley (niece of Melody Trierwiler) recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer (her third bout of cancer).

Dave Sanders (friend of Rick and Sarah Shaver) hospitalized with COVID-19 and is on a ventilator.

George Mitchell resting at home following hospitalization for pneumonia.

Liz Albitz, Ali, Betty and Bob, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Teresa Cisco, Linda Cooper, James Cosby, Debra, Doris Gerke, Becky Hansen, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Jo Hartley, Jamie Holm, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Jack, Tom Janicki, Jennifer & Keith, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Lisa, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Sandy McKinney, Meghan, Melissa, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Herb & Marian Pauley, Harold Reed, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Peggy Shell, Rick Sothen, Barbara Spence, Taylor, Tina and John Thaxton, Jeff & Cara Wade, Taegan Witcher

All diagnosed with Covid-19;

All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;

All diagnosed with any form of cancer;

All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.

For our congregation - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.