

Service of Prayer and Proclamation

July 12, 2020 • Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS
Charleston, WV

PRELUDE

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

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 Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

P A reading from Daniel, Chapter 7:

¹³ "I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 14:14-16

P A reading from Revelation, the fourteenth chapter.

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

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.

- P** The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Make A Defense: Too Good to Be False

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

Almighty God hear the prayers of Your people, grant to us all things needful and beneficial, and keep from us all things harmful. *Brief silence*

Holy Lord, mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Spirit accompanies the witness of Your people who speak Your Word before the world. Grant success to the missionary and mission planter and to every pastor and church worker, that those who hear may believe and those who believe may bear the good fruit of faith in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of Your people. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor and all those elected and appointed to lead us, that justice may prevail and Your people may be free to live at peace with all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages, for those who have requested our prayers [*especially _____*], and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, You have granted us great riches and gifts. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, Your Word endures forever. Keep us from being tossed about by every wind of change and chance, and help us to endure upon the firm foundation of Your Word and Sacraments. Prepare us so that we may worthily receive the Lord's body and blood and be kept by this blessed communion toward the day when we shall be reunited with all who have gone before and dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore. **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

Here, O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face

LSB 631

Father, We Thank Thee

LSB 652

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

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 Almighty God, in Your great generosity
 You give us gifts and make them grow:
 though our faith is small as mustard seed,
 make it grow to Your glory
 and the flourishing of Your kingdom;
 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

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566

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PRAYER LIST

Charlie (friend of Rick and Sarah Shaver) hospitalized for recurrent liver problems.

Ethan Davis (teen family friend of Tina and Jeff Clark) recovering from serious orthopedic surgery on his hip/leg to repair a skateboarding injury. He will require extended rehabilitation.

Nancy Gaarenstroom resting at home following a hospitalization; still could use prayers for returned strength in her legs.

Sheri Moore hospitalized for irregular heartbeat and awaiting a possible heart catheterization.

Anthony McIntosh quarantined and awaiting test results following an exposure to a co-worker with COVID-19

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.

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

Liz Albitz, Ali, Betty and Bob, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Teresa Cisco, Linda Cooper, James Cosby, Susan and Skip Daly, Debra, Erin, Harrison and Cindy Gapter, Doris Gerke, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Jo Hartley, Jamie Holm, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Jack, Tom Janicki, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Lisa, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Sandy McKinney, Meghan, Melissa, Bob Mitchell, George Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Cleo North, Herb & Marian Pauley, Harold Reed, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Dave Sanders, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Peggy Shell, Barbara Spence, Tina and John Thaxton, Jeff & Cara Wade, Family of Debbie Bradley Wilson, Taegan Witcher, Family of Zach

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.