

Service of Prayer and Proclamation

July 26, 2020 • Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS
Charleston, WV

PRELUDE

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

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

LSB 291

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce the forgiveness of sins for all of you. May you live in this grace of God, in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Psalm 22:1–5

My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*

Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,*

and by night, but I | find no rest.

Yet you are | holy,*

enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

In you our fathers | trusted;*

they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

To you they cried and were | rescued;*

in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 6:1–3

P A reading from Hosea Chapter 6:

“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1–6

P A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

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

Matthew 28:11–20

P The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Make A Defense: Stubborn Realities

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

O Lord, we are Your people, chosen by Your grace to be Your own possession and granted mercy upon mercy. Hear Your people who cry to You in need, and remember us according to the favor You have shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Brief silence

That the Lord may open our hearts to prayer and guide us in this holy conversation so that we may know those things for which we ought to pray and seek them according to His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Church may prosper, the good news of Jesus Christ go forth unhindered, and the Spirit bring many into the fellowship of the redeemed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant to us good and faithful pastors to preach and teach the whole counsel of His Word, and that we may receive their words with joy and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember our Baptism into Christ and live boldly in our vocation as His children no matter the difficulties of this fallen world, within our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless our nation and those who govern us, and that we may use the gift of freedom to live holy, upright and godly lives, to the praise of His glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may bless all lawful occupations and professions, and that we may pursue honesty and virtue in all things, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's people may recognize the true treasure of the cross and rejoice in the resurrection, pursuing with all their hearts, minds, bodies and souls the things of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the troubled granted peace, the grieving comforted and the dying kept in peace, *[and especially do we pray for _____,]* let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may grant us generous hearts so that we may honor Him with the worship of our hearts and bring to Him the tithes and offerings that support His work, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be steadfast and immovable, abiding in Christ and in His Word of truth, and that we would be kept from error and delivered from temptation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may watch over our comings and goings and deliver us safely into the arms of His mercy, in the blessed rest of the faithful, to receive with all the dead in Christ the gift of life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may receive with faith the Lord's body and blood today and by this Holy Communion be forgiven of our sins, strengthened in faith and equipped for His service, glorifying God with our words and works, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. Hear the prayers of Your people who cry to You in their need and who plead to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

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

Be with Us, O God Our Father

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PRAYER LIST

Gayle Jobst (wife of Rev. Terry Jobst) Pastor Terry, who was pastor of Redeemer from 1987-1993, passed into eternity June 24 after suffering a cardiac event.

Ruffatto Family Pastor Frank's mother, Donna, passed away in her sleep Tuesday evening. Family members will be traveling to Greensboro to make arrangements.

Edith Hackman (mother of Rod Hackman) suffered a stroke Monday evening. She is stable and awaiting a longer-term treatment plan

Judy Knox's Family Judy is recovering from Shingles, son Tater is very ill with COVID-19 and granddaughter Jaiden (new mom) is showing symptoms. Other family members are temporarily staying with Judy in quarantine efforts.

Baby Ben Clark (Jeff & Tina Clark's grandson) diagnosed and being treated for hip dysplasia – follow up ultrasound set for July 30

Sheri Moore was released from the hospital after a successful procedure and tweaking her medications.

Gary Smith (friend of Sheri Moore) diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Jennifer McIntosh having problems breathing at night. She will undergo an endoscopy and biopsy to rule out eosinophilic esophagitis.

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

George Clay (Tee Boyd's son-in-law) admitted to the hospital with blood clots in his lungs.

Liz Albitz, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Charlie, Susan and Skip Daly, Mark, Lisa, and Ethan Davis, Debra, Erin, Nancy Gaarenstroom, Doris Gerke, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Jo Hartley, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Jack, Tom Janicki, Judy Knox, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Meghan, Melissa, Bob Mitchell, George Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Terri North, Herb & Marian Pauley, Harold Reed, Keith Ritz, Rick and Sue Robinson, Thresa Robinson, Dave Sanders, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Peggy Shell, Cheron Stanley, Family of Jessica Stanley, 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.