



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2020

Officiant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD

Verse 1

Children of the living God
Come and sing sing out loud
Children of the living God
Sing to the living God

Verse 2

Sing of the wonders He has made
Bird in flight falling rain
Sing of the wonders He has made
Sing to the living God

Chorus

How He loves us with great love
He who sits enthroned above
For our lives He spilled His blood
Sent His Spirit like a flood
Children of the living God
Sing to the living God

Verse 3

Sing of His gentle healing hands
How they found the lowliest man
Sing of His gentle healing hands
Sing to the living God

Verse 4

Sing of the mercy that He gives
Though we sin He forgives
Sing of the mercy that He gives
Sing to the living God

Verse 5

Sing for the morning when He comes
In the clouds glorious Son
Sing for the morning when He comes
Sing to the living God

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ACTS 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JOHN 12:20-26

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Dawn Lundgren



Apostles Windows - St. John's - Grace Episcopal Church, Buffalo, NY

Kids of the Redeemer reflection activity:

Draw a picture of Phillip in the chariot with the Ethiopian Eunuch. If you can, draw God's word coming out of his mouth.

Youth of the Redeemer reflection question:

How is God's word like a seed? How is the Holy Spirit involved in enlivening and nurturing the growth of God's word in your life?

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins just as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, the glory are Yours

Forever and ever. Amen. Amen.

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THE COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and, that we may receive what we ask, teach us by your Holy Spirit to ask only those things that are pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the same Spirit lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

DISTRIBUTION OF RESERVED SACRAMENT

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. John 6:51, 55-56

Officiant: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

If you are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with this prayer below:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood.
Amen.

O BREATH OF LIFE

Verse 1

O breath of life come sweeping through us
Revive your church with life and power
O breath of life come cleanse renew us
And fit Your church to meet this hour

Verse 2

O wind of God come bend us break us
Till humbly we confess our need
Then in your tenderness remake us
Revive restore for this we plead

Verse 3

O breath of love come breathe within us
Renewing thought and will and heart
Come love of Christ afresh to win us
Revive your church in every part

Chorus

Revive us Lord is zeal abating?
While harvest fields are vast and white
Revive us Lord the world is waiting
Equip your church to spread the light

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THE SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM

Verse 1

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;
Far and wide, He announces new birth:
"I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
Every inch of the groaning earth!"

Verse 2

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
Is the Kingdom of God as it's sown;
But the powers of hell shall against it fall
When the Kingdom of God is grown.

Chorus

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,
And we long for our King to appear,
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,
The Kingdom of God is near!

Verse 3

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
In the hearts of the poor and weak.
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Verse 4

Through the City of God flows a river
From the throne of the Lamb, waters pour
And behold on the banks grows the tree of life
Where the nations are healed and restored

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your
goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priest: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What do I need to do to be more equipped in explaining the truth of Scripture to someone?
- As you consider the whole of Scripture, trace God's invitation of saving love to the whole world. Could you start from the book of Genesis and see God's desire for all people to know and love him right up through the book of Revelation?
- Where do you see the Holy Spirit of God actively involved in Scripture? In your own life?

Today's Preacher - Deacon Dawn Lundgren

Dawn grew up in a pastor's family and received a degree in nursing in 1975. She earned her M. Div. in 2008 and was ordained to the diaconate in 2017. She has served as a missionary in Japan, and as a volunteer for international students, neighborhood schools, and ministries such as Alpha and All Things New prayer ministry. She serves Church of the Redeemer in ministries of prayer, pastoral care, missions and outreach. She and her husband, John, have four adult children and 13 grandchildren and live in Roseville.

Prayer for those preparing for Baptism

Almighty and everlasting God, you multiply your Church in every generation: Grant the gifts of faith and understanding to Ava, Jude, and Hugh Knight, Annie Hubble, and John Willmarth, that being washed in the waters of baptism, they may be born again and numbered among your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathered Worship & Baptisms

We will gather for outdoor worship at the church next Sunday, July 19, 4:30 p.m. where we'll celebrate five baptisms, reaffirm the baptismal covenant together, and celebrate Holy Communion. The service will be streamed online for those who are unable to gather at the church. Use of masks is expected. If you are able, please bring a picnic blanket or camp chairs for outdoor seating. [Click here](#) to read the church's covid-preparedness plan.

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

**BETTER
TOGETHER**
Where two or more are gathered...

Small gatherings have been organized to encourage group participation in outdoor worship via our online service. Please contact [Greta Dvorak](#) or [Molly Riley](#) with questions or to participate.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Join us in worship on Wednesdays and Sundays of each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30-40 minutes. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

<https://ofthredeemer.org/events>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

Please contact [Fr. Paul](#), [Deacon Liz](#), or [Deacon Dawn](#) if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

FAMILIES TOGETHER - CHURCHES TOGETHER



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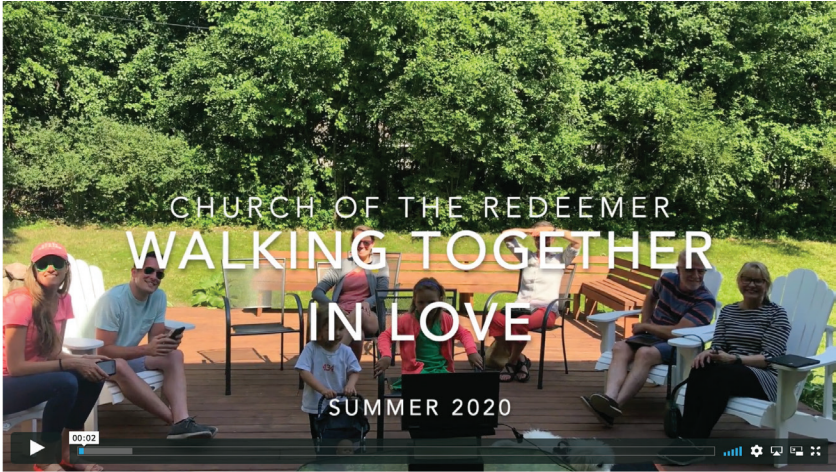
WE ARE THE CHURCH

Copies of *We Are The Church*, a devotional guide for families with children and youth, are available from Deacon Liz. Let's dig in together during the months of July and August and ask the Spirit to grow us more fully into that joyful, grateful, generous community - the Church - that we are reading about in the Book of Acts!

READING OF ACTS 9 & 10



This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around this Sunday's sermon, enjoy [this reading of Acts chapters 9 and 10](#) by the Lovaasens.



In this brief video, two members of our vestry, Molly Riley and Eric Watkins, and Fr. Paul share Church of the Redeemer's plans for the remainder of the summer and preparations being made for the fall.

UPCOMING WEDDING



Katie Miller and Jake Pitchford intend to be married on Sunday, August 2 and I invite your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the first time of asking. - Fr. Paul

Almighty God, we thank you for the love of Katie and Jake, and we ask your blessing upon them and their families during this time of preparation. Open their minds and hearts to one another, enable them faithfully to receive your Word and Sacrament, and help us to support them, that they may rightly prepare for their marriage. And, we pray, give us wisdom to uphold and encourage all who have been united in Holy Matrimony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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