



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

HOLY BAPTISM
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 19, 2020

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Thomas Obediah Chisholm | William Marion Runyan
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Music: Fernando Ortega

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

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ACTS 9:1-19

¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ^{19a} and taking food, he was strengthened.

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 21:15-22

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" ²¹ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" ²² Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Andy Bramsen

HOLY BAPTISM

The Exhortation

The Presentation

John Collier Willmarth
Annikah Grace Cameron Hubble
Jude Mathew Knight
Ava Cathryn May Knight

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Have you already been baptized?

Candidate: No.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Profession of Faith

Question: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: I do.

Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Please stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

Congregation: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do. 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.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do. 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.

Litany for the Candidates

Deacon: Let us now pray for these candidates, who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That all these candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayer for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants.

Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Baptismal Scriptures

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Deacon pours the water for baptism.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful ambassador and servant to the end of your days. Amen.

A baptismal candle is given.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE PEACE

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

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost 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/>

THE HOLY COMMUNION

From Our Modern Services, published by the Anglican Church of Kenya 2002

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: He is.

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

Celebrant: This is our God.

All: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We are his people.

All: We are redeemed.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right and our delight...

*...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels
and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who
forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

Celebrant: Almighty God...

*..."Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
Do this in remembrance of me."*

All: Amen. His body was broken for us.

Celebrant: In the same way...

...Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**All: We have died together, we will rise together,
we will live together.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father...

...granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

All: Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Celebrant: And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say together

Celebrant and People:

**Our Father who 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, for ever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many we are one body,
for we all share one bread.**

Celebrant: The cup of blessing which we bless

All: Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Celebrant: Draw near with faith and receive.

All: Christ is the host and we are his guests.

Celebrant: Christ is alive forever.

All: We are because he is.

Celebrant: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

Directions for Communion

Greeters will dismiss and direct one representative of each household to receive Holy Communion from the Table at the front or rear of our gathering, depending upon where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Wine or juice will be distributed in a disposable cup. Please indicate your preference for wine or juice.

Single-person households are welcome to receive and consume at the Table. Household representatives will distribute and consume with their family members at the place where they are seated..

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. If you are not able to receive, you are encouraged to pray one of the following prayers:

Preparation for Public Worship

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light; that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your divine mysteries. We ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom.

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Written by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ the First Born from the dead. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems of this life on earth...

All: We send to the Cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the difficulties of our circumstances...

All: We send to the Cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devil's works from his temporary power...

All: We send to the Cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our hopes for wholeness and eternal life...

All: We set on the risen Christ.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessings of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*Leader: Now go forth into the world in peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

People: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!

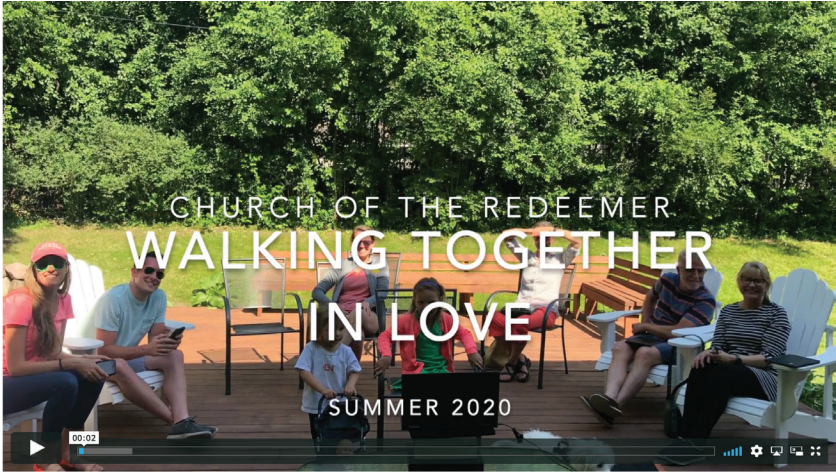
Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#). Thank you!

Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Bethel University and has studied at the University of South Carolina - Aiken, Baylor University, and University of Notre Dame. Andy has served our church as a member of the vestry and in numerous other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What are areas of your life where an identity other than your identity as a disciple of Jesus is determining how you live?
- What would it look like to repent of that?
- Can you think of examples in your own life when--like Ananias--you were right about something, but your incomplete knowledge led you to a wrong conclusion?



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.

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://oftheredeemer.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.

Changes to Children's and Youth Leadership Teams

Leena Callan, our Preschool Lead, has served our children and families with loving compassion the past three years. She is going to be serving children in a new capacity now as she seeks a position as a school counselor for the fall. We bless her in that desire to use her gifts and training, and are so grateful for the investment she has made in preschoolers and their families. Leena will continue to volunteer with preschoolers once we return to Sunday children's ministry, but please take the chance to offer your thanks and prayers for Leena.

We are delighted to announce that Julie Willey will be joining the CLT effective immediately. Julie comes with a great desire to see families grow in their love for God and we look forward to her ministry among us. Please pray for Julie as she joins our team and begins reaching out to families.

Katie Miller (soon to be Pitchford!) is coming on the new Youth Leadership Team, joining Caleb and Breana Dahl. Katie is a middle school teacher and led an excellent youth drama team at KidsGames last year. We are grateful for her gifts and enthusiasm for youth. Please also keep her in your prayers.

God has been generous in his provision for the children and youth at Church of the Redeemer. As a church family, we offer our praise and thanks to him, and look forward to good things.

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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.

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 third 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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