



CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

OUR GREAT GOD

Verse 1

Eternal God unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love unfailing
In grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
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Verse 2

Lord we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

Verse 3

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

CHILDREN'S FOCUS

ACTS 27:27-44

²⁷ When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸ So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹ And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰ And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹ Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³² Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go.

³³ As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴ Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." ³⁵ And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all

he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶ Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷ (We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸ And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹ Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

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 Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MARK 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

David Stewart

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us, we pray, from all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready both in mind and body, may accomplish with joyful hearts those things which belong to your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

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 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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of ___

Hosts. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of ___

Hosts. Hea - ven and earth are ___ full of the

glo - ry of your ma - jes - ty Bles - sed is he who

comes ___ in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the

high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est Ho - san - na

in the high - - - est.

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*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father...
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

Celebrant and People:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

Celebrant and People:

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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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

*The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.*

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

Outdoors: 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.

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.

Indoors: Greeters will dismiss you by row to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your open palm to receive and wait to consume the bread after you have returned to your pew.

Prayer Ministry

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

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

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.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, Lamb of God
You take away, You take away, You take away,
All of our sin
Have mercy on us

This is the good news
This is the gift of life
This is the the body and blood of Christ for the life of the world

Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah

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AMAZING GRACE

Verse 1
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

Verse 5

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

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!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at:
<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/>

HOLY IMAGINATIONS

As we make our way through the Book of Acts this summer, let's engage our imaginations. Kids, youth and adults are all invited to share artwork based on the Sunday Acts passage. No deadlines, and you are welcome to return to earlier passages and prompts anytime.

[Upload your work here.](#)

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- We're used to seeing Paul's authority as a leader and a proclaimer of the gospel, but what do we make of his sense of command during this dangerous journey?
- The centurion, the soldiers, the pilot, the ship's owner - any of these people had more formal authority than Paul in this situation. Let's imagine you were part of the ship's crew: how would you decide whose judgement you could trust?
- Think of the pivotal scenes in the bible where God sends a message through an angel. What does it tell us that the timely word of hope (v. 23) for Paul and his shipmates was brought by an angel?

Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

GATHERED WORSHIP

Outdoor gathered worship will continue in the months of September and October while weather permits. RVSPs are no longer needed for outdoor gathered worship. Preparations are being made for indoor gathered worship beginning later in October.

- Mask use: Adults and all children who are able are expected to wear masks when arriving, leaving, moving among others, and singing.
- Online participation will continue to be offered and facilitated.

Indoor Contingency

In the event of rain or excessive heat, a cancellation notice for our outdoor service will be sent out day-of. Please view [this linked video explanation of our protocols for gathered worship indoors](#). We have space in the sanctuary for 75 people to gather for worship indoors and online participation will be offered for households and Better Together groups. Use of masks is expected of adults and children who are able. When needed, a separate RSVP for the indoor worship service will be sent out via email on Sunday morning.

Youth of the Redeemer

This coming school year we are excited to launch Church of the Redeemer's first formal Youth Group! Youth will be meeting once a week for a time of fellowship, teaching, and sharing. We will be exploring the question "What is our salvation for?" through the video curriculum "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles." We ask for your prayers as we move forward in developing youth programming.

kidCONNECT

KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th are invited to gather outside before the Sunday worship service for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Children will come every other week with children in the same family on the same week. Please watch for details via email about start time, location and other info!

KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and preschool aged children are invited to join weekly Zoom gatherings on **Sundays 9–9:30 a.m.** starting September 20. Contact Anna Wilson (anna@oftheredeemer.org) or Julie Willey (julie@oftheredeemer.org) for more information and the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

All women of Redeemer are invited to a half-day retreat at Shepherd's Hill Farm on **Saturday, October 10, 1:00-4:30 p.m.** During the afternoon we will pray and worship together. Our format will be simple and open. You are welcome to arrive as early as 9am to enjoy some time and space in a beautiful outdoor setting!

Contact Anne Calvin or Dawn Lundgren if you have any questions

Register HERE: <https://oftheredeemer.breezechms.com/form/c07d6e>

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Throughout the month of October, the Anglican churches of Minnesota and South Dakota are joining with one another in a special prayer focus for the spheres of healthcare, education, government, and other places of need. A printed daily prayer guide will be provided next Sunday and Evening Prayer will be offered via Zoom each Thursday, 7 p.m. beginning Oct. 1. Save these dates!

- Oct. 1: Healthcare
- Oct. 8: Education
- Oct. 15: Places of need
- Oct. 22: Government

Revive

Revive is an annual weekend when our family of churches in the Upper Midwest diocese gather for worship and teaching. Mark your calendars for a special live-streamed event, Thursday, Oct. 29-31. More details to come!

Election day prayer vigil

As we and our nation elect a new president and other representatives, we will keep a 24 hour prayer vigil, beginning with Morning Prayer, 8 a.m. on election day Nov. 3 and ending with Morning Prayer, 8 a.m. on Nov. 4. A sign-up form will be shared in the coming weeks.

MORNING PRAYER

Join us in worship on Wednesdays, 8 a.m. each week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-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.

READING OF ACTS 25 & 26

This summer we're studying the book of Acts together as a church. For the context around recent sermons, enjoy these [readings of Acts 25 & 26](#) by Cris and Cheryl Krusen.



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