

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020

Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

# THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# Almighty God

Verse 1 Almighty God to you all hearts are open Searching all our thoughts and anxious fears Wash us in the fountain of your mercy Come with your light, we cannot hide from you

Verse 2
Almighty God to you all hearts are open
With gratitude we raise our song to you
Come and fill the praises of your people
In grace and truth, you make us new again

Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Verse 3
Almighty God to you all hearts are open
We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good,

The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.'

<sup>13</sup> Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them."

The great day of the Lord is near,

near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup> A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities

and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup> I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord;

their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

#### CHILDREN'S FOCUS

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# MATTHEW 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# SERMON

Rev. Dawn Lundgren

# 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:

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

by the power of the Holy Spirit

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.

# 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.

#### THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

#### 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 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 <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/give/">https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</a>

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:



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, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

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 and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

#### 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.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

#### <u>Prayer Ministry</u>

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary (closest to the parking lot) 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 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.

## CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

Verse 1
In Christ we offer all that He has offered
The perfect offering
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Verse 2
So we remember
All that He re-membered
The whole of life returned
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

Bridge
Let us lift up lift our hearts
Let us lift up lift our hearts
It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

Verse 3
Sent forth in beauty
Reconciling all things
Radiant in holiness
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world
Christ is the life of the world

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# 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

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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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# 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 IMAGINATION

Children are encouraged to upload drawings from the weekly drawing prompt here.

Upload your work here.

#### 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.

#### Connection, Teaching and Prayer for Parents

Tuesday Evenings - November 10, 17, 24 7:30 - 8:15p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Zoom







Tending November 17



Flourishing November 24

A collaborative offering of Church of the Cross, Church of the Redeemer, Restoration Anglican

## OUR GOSPEL STORY



God's people have often proclaimed His Name and spread His Light most broadly and boldly in the midst of trial and dispersion. As we settle in to face the rigors of a long Minnesota winter, the coming months will provide extraordinary opportunities for us to show and share the love of Christ with our friends, family, and neighbors.

 Join us via Zoom, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7–7:45 p.m., for the first of six 45-minute sessions of worship and study designed to equip and encourage us to show and share the message of the gospel. View the video above for more information!

# Morning Prayer - Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.

Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

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/

# Prayer for Youth & Children – Fridays, 12–12:30 p.m.

Join us in prayer via Zoom at noon on Fridays to pray for the next generation of leaders and Christ-followers – the precious ones in our church family, and beyond.

Visit <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/">https://oftheredeemer.org/events/friday-prayer/</a> to participate.

### KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person.

K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams

4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

#### KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and preschool aged children and their parents are invited to join a lively Zoom gathering on Sunday mornings, 9-9:30 a.m. for a lesson, lots of singing and a word of encouragement for parents too. Contact Anna Wilson or Julie Willey for more information and the Zoom Link.

### Refugee Life Ministry



L to R: Loy Nay Say (8), Sher Ri Htoo, Mya Sae, Blut Gay Paw (10), December Paw (13), Kree Doh Wah (14).

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

### YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoom-in option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. This fall, youth are exploring the question, "What is our salvation for?" through the video curriculum, "For the Life of the World: Letters to the Exiles". Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
November 8, 2020	\$107,492	\$101,927

# THE POWER OF GENEROSITY

During the pandemic and civil unrest in our Cities, your ongoing generosity has enabled us to support many organizations doing the work of compassion and justice, both locally and abroad. In addition, we have been able to distribute grocery and visa gift cards to help individuals the Benevolence Team have encountered. Thank you, Church of the Redeemer!

Immigrant Relief Fund	500
Feed My Starving Children	500
Sheridan Story	500
Ralph Reeder Food Shelf	500
Wings for Widows	500
Art House North	500
Minneapolis Crisis Nursery	1,000
Compassion International	1,000
International Justice Mission	1,000
Prison Fellowship	500
Navigators (Romani People)	500
Pastor Aziz (extra funds)	500
The One Fund	5,000
Gift and Grocery Cards	1,240
TOTAL	14,340

The Benevolence Team - Deacons Dawn and Liz, Krista Mahoney and Chris Callan

#### Staff

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

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Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon
Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

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