

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost July 25, 2021

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Verse 1 Immortal invisible God only wise In light inaccessible Hid from our eyes Most blessed most glorious The Ancient of Days Almighty victorious Thy great name we praise

Verse 2 Unresting unhasting And silent as light Nor wanting nor wasting Thou rulest in might Thy justice like mountains High soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains Of goodness and love

Verse 3 To all life thou givest To both great and small In all life thou livest The true life of all We blossom and flourish As leaves on the tree And wither and perish But naught changeth thee Verse 4 Great Father of glory Pure Father of light Thine angels adore thee All veiling their sight All praise we would render O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor Of light hideth thee Amen

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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.

TRINITY SONG

Holy Father, Son and Spirit Holy Communion, Three-in-one. Come with your peace, With your invitation Bind us together in Holy love.

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

(BRIDGE) You're the Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Kings 2:1-15

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰ And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹ And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵ Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

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

PSALM 113

¹ Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ² Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! ⁴ The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! ⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

JAMES 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

Alleluia

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.

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

Mark 6:45-52

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

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.**

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 deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, 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/ using this QR code:



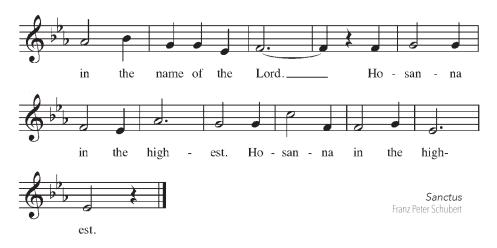
Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

The 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,

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, O 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.

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 3X

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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 to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. 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.

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.

Come All Ye Pining

Verse 1

Lord, we adore thy boundless grace, The heights and depths unknown, Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace, In thy beloved Son.

Chorus

Come, all ye pining, hungry poor, The Saviour's bounty taste; Behold a never-failing store For every willing guest.

Verse 2

O wondrous gifts of love divine, Dear Source of every good; Jesus, in thee what glories shine! How rich thy flowing blood!

Verse 3

Here shall your numerous wants receive A free, a full supply; He has unmeasured bliss to give, And joys that never die.

From **All Things New**, www.redmountainmusic.com From the hymn "Lord, We Adore Thy Boundless Grace" by Anne Steele. Gadsby #1039

Your Will Be Done

Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father As in heaven so on earth My heart is drawn to self-exalting Help me seek Your kingdom first As Jesus walked so shall I walk Held by Your same unchanging love Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted I may never fully know The fearful weight of true obedience It was held by him alone What wondrous faith to bear that cross To bear my sin what wondrous love My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed Father not my will but Yours be done Verse 3 When I am lost when I am broken In the night of fear and doubt Still I will trust in my good Father Yes to the one great King I bow As Jesus rose so I shall rise In ransomed glory at the throne My heart restored with all Your saints I sing Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4 As we go forth our God and Father Lead us daily in the fight That all the world might see Your glory And Your Name be lifted high And in this Name we overcome For You shall see us safely home Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done

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BE THOU MY VISION

- Verse 1 Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art Thou my best thought By day or by night Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light
- Verse 2 Be Thou my wisdom And Thou my true Word I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord Thou my great Father I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling And I with Thee one
- Verse 3 Riches I heed not Nor man's empty praise Thou mine inheritance Now and always Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart High King of heaven My treasure Thou art
- Verse 4 High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all
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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: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, 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 presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!





The heart of a child's connection to God is prayer, and often they pray more easily, spontaneously and with simpler trust than we do. The Children's Leaders Team has been planning and praying about creating a welcoming space for kids to encounter God through imaginative prayer this summer.

Parents - you may now sign your children up for as many Sundays as are open, and please note that on any Sundays your child attends Adventures in Prayer, you are asked to connect for a short debrief immediately after the service. We'll meet in the hallway to the left of the stairs.

Church of the Redeemer Family - your own prayers for these six Sundays (July 11-Aug 15) are an invaluable gift to the kids in our midst as we support them in their life with God.

SUMMER PARK MEET-UPS FOR 2021

Grab your coffee, a snack for the kids, maybe a soccer ball, and head over to local parks this summer every other Wednesday starting at 9:30am for a chance to meet up with others while kids play.

July 28 - Rosebrook Park

August 25 - Langford Park

August 11 - Leafblads' Pool (RSVP to liz@oftheredeemer.org)

Youth of the Redeemer

Youth, grades 6-12 are invited to participate in several gatherings for games, fellowship, and service on:

- Friday, July 30 (7-9 p.m.) at the Keillor's (200 Brookdale Dr, Brooklyn Park)
- Thursday, August 5 (9-11 a.m.) <u>Service project at Every Meal</u> (2723 Patton Rd, Roseville)
- End of August (date, time TBD): guys groups and girls groups will have separate hangouts.

Hangouts will include munching on snacks and playing games.

Wednesday, July 28, 7 p.m. at Gathering Place

Please join us for a time of worship and prayer to intercede for survivors of abuse and for our diocese.

PICNIC TODAY

Join us after church at Lexington Park–across the street from Calvary– for a picnic and time of fellowship. Bring a picnic dinner or pick something up at a nearby restaurant, bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. We hope you can join us!

Women's Retreat: Save the date

September 24-26 at Dunrovin Retreat Center Marine on St. Croix, MN

August Service Day

Every Meal - Food Packing Event August 27, 9-11 a.m.

The organization, Every Meal, fights child hunger through community and school partnerships.

Volunteers from our church will form assembly lines to pack bags of food that contain approximately four meals of non-perishable food. These are distributed into children's backpacks on Fridays to help their families over the weekends.

Join others from our church to provide hands-on support for the children in our communities. Both children (8-years+) and adults are encouraged to sign up! Sign up using this QR code:



Deanery & Diocese Update

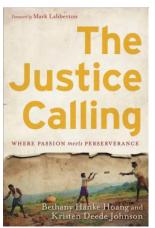
This past Wednesday, after a time of worship and extended Q&A with four godly and gifted candidates, a Deanery council of clergy and lay representatives chose David Stewart to represent the MN/SD Deanery on our diocese's Bishop's Council. David joins Helen Keuning (Church of the Cross) as a lay representative of the MN/SD Deanery, with Fr. Paul as acting Dean.

Summer Reading

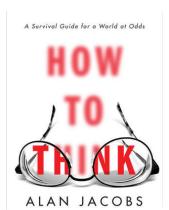
"To think independently of other human beings is impossible, and if it were possible it would be undesirable. Thinking is necessarily, thoroughly, and wonderfully social."

Alan Jacobs, How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds, 37.

Read and think with other members of our church body this summer, with the books:



Discussions on Thursday, July 29 & Saturday, Aug. 28



Discussions on Saturday, Aug. 14

Discussions will be coordinated by lay-leaders and clergy. Use this QR code to sign up:



Notes

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.

Director of Youth Ministry - Job Posting

With more than 30 members of our church in junior high and high school and many more rising into that age group in the years to come, ministry with youth is a significant priority for our church. As a new and added resource to our youth ministry team in the coming ministry year, we are seeking to hire a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. Their primary responsibility will be to nurture our youth in relationship with God, each other, and with our local church body; equipping them for the work of ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Join us in prayer for the search process, the candidates, and the youth of Church of the Redeemer!

Use this QR code to view and share the job description and supporting information.



- Fr. Paul, Rector
- Deacon Liz, Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
July 18, 2021	\$22,867	\$18,000

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