

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021

I Sing The Almighty Power Of God

Verse 1 I sing the mighty power of God That made the mountains rise That spread the flowing seas abroad And build the lofty skies I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day The moon shines full at His command And all the stars obey

Verse 2 I sing the goodness of the Lord That filled the earth with food He formed the creatures with His word And then pronounced them good Lord how Thy wonders are displayed Where'er I turn my eye If I survey the ground I tread

Verse 3
There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

Or gaze upon the sky

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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.

Matthew 22:37-40

Invocation

In the name of the Father
And the Son
And the Holy Spirit, three in one
May all the glory be,
For all eternity,
Unto the Trinity, the Mystery of One

Ending
In the name of the Father
And the Son
2x And the Spirit, may your Kingdom come.

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Mary's Song (Our King Of Peace)

Verse 1
My soul magnifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God
My Savior has seen his servant in need
And behold the great things He has done

Verse 2
He scatters the proud and rich
He lifts up the humble and weak
The kings of the earth He casts from their thrones
And the hungry He welcomes to feast

Chorus
Oh behold my Savior has come
And my soul will tell of His praise
For He Who is strong has come to the weak
And at last He will reign as our King of Peace

Verse 3
From now to the end of time
The nations will know me as blest
For God has made new His promise of love
And mercy through Abraham's seed

Wendell Kimbrough © 2014 Kimbrough, Wendell CCLI License # 11097686 Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.
- ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says,
- ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

PSALM 147

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
- For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ² The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶ The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

- ⁷ Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- ⁹ He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- ¹¹ but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
- ¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.
- ¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.
- ¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
- ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs; who can stand before his cold?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
- ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his rules.

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 5:1-7

¹ Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are motheaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of

hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷ Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come abide in us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come and dwell in us.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

JOHN 6:53-59

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

SERMON

Andy Bramsen

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.

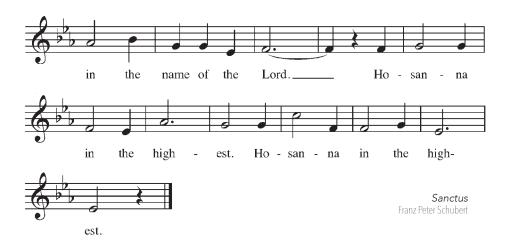
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

JESUS THOU JOY OF LOVING HEARTS

Verse 1

Jesus Thou joy of loving hearts Thou fount of life Thou light of men From the blest bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to Thee again

Verse 2

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood Thou savest those that on Thee call To them that seek Thee Thou art good To them that find Thee all in all

Chorus

We taste of Thee O living bread And long to feast upon Thee still We drink of Thee the Fountainhead And thirst our souls from Thee to fill

Verse 3

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee Where'er our changeful lot is cast Glad when Thy gracious smile we see Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast

Verse 4

O Jesus ever with us stay
Make all our moments calm and bright
Chase the dark night of sin away
Shed over the world Thy holy light

text: Bernard of Clairvaux music: verse: Bryan T. Murphy, chorus: Paul Calvin www.redmountainmusic.com

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR (PSALM 34)

Refrain

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord.

Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 2

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken, God is near, For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 3

Every spirit crushed, He will save; He will give ransom for their lives; He will be safe shelter for their fears, For He hears the cry of the poor.

Verse 4

We proclaim your greatness, O God. Your praise ever in our mouths; Every face brightened in Your light, For You hear the cry of the poor.

Text: Based on Psalm 34:1-2, 17-19, 22.
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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!



Notes

Today's Preacher - Andy Bramsen

Andy grew up in Senegal, West Africa. He teaches political science and humanities at Bethel University and is a student at Bethel Seminary. At Church of the Redeemer, Andy has served as a member of the vestry and in other areas of ministry. He and his wife Sara, are the parents of four children, and live in Blaine.



Adventures in Prayer winds up next Sunday, August 22nd, with a prayer walk in Central Park. Kids and their walking companions will meet at the picnic shelter next to the bandshell at 3:00 and arrive at Calvary at 4:15 for worship.

Nursery and Preschool Kidconnect continues through the summer.

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.

August 25 - Langford Park

CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS!

Have you helped with Children's Ministry in the past?

Do you currently serve?

Are you a parent?

Are you interested in working with children?

Please use this QR code to fill out this quick (really... about 1 minute!) survey to update us on your volunteer interests.



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELM NELSON

A memorial service for Elm Nelson will be held **Friday**, **August 20**, 11 a.m., at North Heights Lutheran in Roseville (2701 North Rice Street Roseville, MN 55113). Visitation to begin at 10 a.m., followed by the memorial service at 11 a.m..

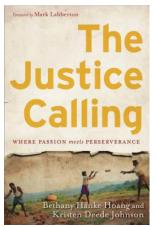
Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort: Deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 will be coordinated by layleaders and clergy. Use this QR code to sign up:



Discussion on Saturday, Aug. 28

Men's Gathering Third Wednesdays - Como Park

All men of the church, 14 years and up, are invited to Men's Fellowship Gatherings at Como Park, Third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, August 18. These are fun and informal times of fellowship with other men from the church. Beverages will be provided. Please contact Dave Nelson with questions at davidnelsonsr@gmail.com.

CHURCH PICNIC & FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF: SAVE THE DATE

Evening of September 10 Tony Schmidt Regional Park

Women's Retreat Update

Saturday, Sept. 25

Due to uncertainty concerning accommodations, we are substituting a day of rest and fellowship at Shepherd's Hill Farm, Lonsdale, MN for our previously announced overnight retreat. We look forward to a lovely, spiritually nourishing day together! Join us on September 25. *More details will follow.*

August Service Day: 20-30 volunteers needed

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:



SABBATICAL: DEACON LIZ STEWART

In Deacon Liz Stewart's four years at Church of the Redeemer she has established and led our Children's Leadership Team (CLT), provided guidance to our youth and confirmation leaders, and served faithfully in numerous other areas of ministry. After an initial announcement in March 2020, subsequent postponement, and nearly 16 years of continuous service in the Church, I am pleased to announce that Liz will be taking a well-deserved paid sabbatical this fall, September 1 through November 30. The CLT and other church staff will provide support for Liz's responsibilities while she is away. Please join me in praying for this upcoming time of rest and rejuvenation for Liz. - Fr. Paul

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

YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

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

- Girls going into 6th and 7th grade this fall are invited to the Schroeders on August 20th from 5:30 8:30.
- Youth Hangout Swimming. Tuesday, August 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Youth, grades 6-12 are invited for some pool fun in the Leafblad's backyard! Bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunblock.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Aug. 8, 2021	\$40,521	\$36,000

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Sonia Keillor - Administrative Assistant

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

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