

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 22, 2021

All Hail The Power

Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus name Let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race Ye ransomed from the fall Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Sinners whose love can never forget The wormwood and the gall Go spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all Go spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

Let every kindred every tribe On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all

Verse 5

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all

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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

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

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

Only A Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven Who else could make every king bow down Who else can whisper and darkness trembles Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises What other splendour outshines the sun What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire What other power can raise the dead What other name remains undefeated Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing Who else would offer His only Son Who else invites me to call Him Father Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

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Chorus

Come and behold Him The One and the Only Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God Come and worship the Holy God

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Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-25

¹ Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, "No, but we will serve the Lord." ²² Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." ²³ He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel." ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey." ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

PSALM 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
- I have no good apart from you."
- ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- ⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 5:7-12

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. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹² But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth

or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

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

Јони 6:60-69

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

Sermon

Rev. Paul Calvin

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.

Testimony of Adventures in Prayer

Kids of the Redeemer

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:



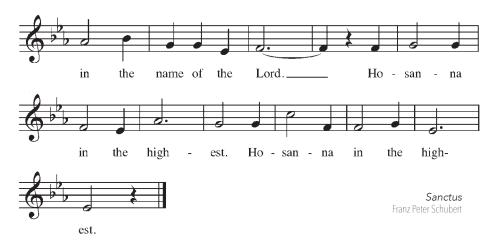
Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

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.

SEE HOW GOOD IT IS (PSALM 133)

Verse 1 See how good it is Gathering with friends Welcoming the stranger in See how good it is

Verse 2 Sad divisions cease We're ordained as priests Spreading out God's joyful feast See how good it is Chorus

When God's children live as one By the Spirit we become The open arms of God To a world in need of love

Verse 3 See the earth renewed By the morning dew All creation sings the truth: "See how good it is!"

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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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The Solid Rock

Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Verse 2 When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3 His oath His covenant His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay Verse 4 When He shall come with trumpet sound O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

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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

Join us this evening 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, and a picnic blanket or lawn chair. We hope you can be there!



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.

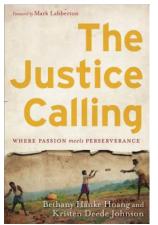


Summer Reading

"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:



Discussion on Saturday, Aug. 28

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



Women of Redeemer Bible Studies

This year we will study the book of Acts, a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. As we study this narrative of the early Church, we will also be reading New Testament letters as they are relevant to the life of the first century body of Christ. Meeting plans will be sensitive to public health guidelines.

- Mondays at 7 pm beginning September 13. Contact Barbie Anderson, bwanderson70@comcast.net, 651-491-3536.
- Thursdays at 9:30am beginning September 16. Contact Cindy Calvin, cindycalvin@me.com, 612-889-9963.

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.*

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

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| Aug. 15, 2021 | \$49,535 | \$42,000 |

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<u>Rev. Liz Stewart</u> - Deacon Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

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