

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 19, 2021

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



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

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN (PSALM 113)

Verse 1 Hallelujah give praise you servants Praise the name of the Lord Let the name of the Lord be blessed For now and forevermore

Chorus

From the rising of the sun to its going down Let the name of the Lord be praised From the rising of the sun

Verse 2 The Lord is high above all nations And His glory above the heavens Who is like the Lord our God Who sits enthroned on high Who is like the Lord our God Stoops to behold the heavens and the earth

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ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER

Christ be with me, Christ within me Christ behind me, Christ before me Christ beside me, Christ to win me Christ to comfort and restore me

Christ beneath me, Christ above me Christ in quiet, Christ in danger Christ in hearts of all that love me Christ in mouth of friend and stranger

So I bind unto myself The strong name of the Trinity I believe the Three in One Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Justin Jacobson, 2017 Used With Permission Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

HOSEA 5:13-6:6

¹³ "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sores, then Ephraim turned to Assyria, and sent to the great king for help. But he is not able to cure you, not able to heal your sores. ¹⁴ For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no one to rescue them. ¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face in their misery they will earnestly seek me." ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. ³ Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴ "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. ⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth then my judgments go forth like the sun.

⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Holy Bible, NIV

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

PSALM 54

- ¹ O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
 ² O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
 ³ For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves.
 ⁴ Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
 ⁵ He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.
- ⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- ⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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.

Romans 5:6-11

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord Alleluia, Alleluia, Sing Praise to His Name

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

MATTHEW 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

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:

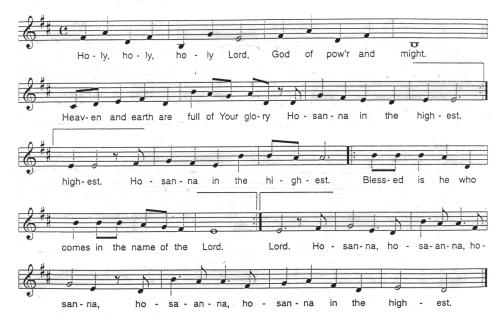


Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

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.



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.

Alleluia

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A NEW JERUSALEM

Verse 1

A new Jerusalem coming down from heaven Like a bride adorned in all her splendor And God will dwell with us, he will live among us We will be his people, he will be our God

Verse 2

He will wipe away every tear from our eyes There'll be no more death, no more mourning No more crying there, there'll be no more pain When God shall make his home with us again

For God will make all things new These are his words, trustworthy and true A promise made on which we can depend He's the Beginning and the End

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Jesus Strong And Kind

Verse 1

Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to him No one else can satisfy I should come to him

Verse 2

Jesus said if I am weak I should come to him No one else can be my strength I should come to him

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful He will keep us day and night We can always run to Jesus Jesus strong and kind Verse 3 Jesus said that if I fear I should come to him No one else can be my shield I should come to him

Verse 4

Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me And he showed me on that cross He will come to me

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THE WONDERFUL CROSS

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride

Chorus

Oh the wonderful cross Oh the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live Oh the wonderful cross Oh the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my 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 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!

Please keep social distance 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!



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.

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Nursery and Preschool - 4:15 p.m.

Continuing into the fall, nursery and preschool children are invited to gather in Calvary's nursery during the worship service for stories, songs, and lots of movement. Parents can pick children up from the nursery at the passing of the Peace. Contact Sonia with questions.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade 4:25 p.m.

Children in these grades will engage with biblical stories and the liturgy of the church using the Godly Play approach. This curriculum uses storytelling and open-ended response to encourage a deep and intrinsically-motivated faith in children.

Contact Sonia or Rachel with questions.

4th - 5th Grade

4:25 p.m.

This year we will base our teaching on a curriculum called Echo the Story, which presents the big picture of God's story through chronological Bible narrative. This will be the first in a two-year sequence, Old Testament this year and New Testament next year. Contact Sara or Steffie with questions.

Kids' Listening Prayer, for K-5th grades, begins September 26 on Fourth Sundays, 3:45–4:15 p.m.

Youth Group

Weekly on Sundays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grades will meet on Sunday afternoons in the Activity Center at Calvary for large group activities and small group discipleship.

Small group leaders are Caleb Dahl, Courtney Hubers, Caleb Mostad, Katie Pitchford, and Colten Wilson. Please be in touch with them with any questions or encouragements as they minister to and with our youth.

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.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Molly Riley, and David Niehls, and I bid your prayers on their behalf. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

Fr. Paul

Almighty God, we thank you for the love of Molly and David, and we ask your blessing upon them during this time of preparation. Open their minds and hearts to one another, enable them faithfully to receive your Word and Sacrament, and help us to support them, that they may rightly prepare for their marriage. And, we pray, give us wisdom to uphold and encourage all who have been united in Holy Matrimony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Women's Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We have come through another year since our last gathering at Shepherd's Hill Farm and look forward to a day of rest and retreat.

Our retreat this year is planned for your rest, for connection with friends and sisters in Christ, for study and reflection on a favorite story from Scripture in the story of Naomi and Ruth, and for time dedicated to laughing, playing, exhaling. Use this QR code for more information and to RSVP:



Refugee Life Ministry Team

Church of the Redeemer is forming a Good Neighbor team (formerly Refugee Life) to welcome the Almahamid family from Syria: Father mid-30's, Mother mid-20's, Daughter - 6, Son - 4 who arrived in Minnesota earlier this month. Please be in prayer for this family as they adjust to a new home and new country.

Please contact Cheryl Krusen at cakrusen@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Audio/Visual team

Volunteers are needed to help set up and operate sound and video systems during our Sunday services this fall. Training is provided. Please contact Rev. Jacques Kustritz if you are interested at texbass15@ yahoo.com.

Set-Up & Take-Down Help Needed

We are in need of some additional set-up and take-down help on Sundays. Set-up takes place from 3:00-3:30, before the service, and take-down occurs in the half hour following the service. Volunteers serve about once a month.

Please contact Sonia Keillor at sonia@oftheredeemer.org if you are able to serve in this way.

Women's Listening Prayer

All women of the church are warmly invited to join us as we gather monthly to listen to God and one another! Women's Listening Prayer evenings provide time set apart to slow down, enjoy fellowship, pray together, and receive from the Lord through his Word. This fall we will be meeting in two locations and introducing lectio divina - an ancient practice combining the reading of Scripture with prayerful silence and reflection.

Mark your calendars for 7pm on October 7, November 4, and December 2! Redeemer women will receive an email with details and a sign-up link in late September, but if you have questions in the meantime please contact Haley Scharf, Anne Calvin, Barbie Anderson, or Gretchen Held.

Men's Listening Prayer

Men's Listening Prayer is a monthly gathering of the men of the church for worship, testimony, and prayer. James 1:19-27 will be our guiding scripture of the year as we seek to be men who are "doers of the word, and not hearers only." Gatherings are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning on Oct. 6. Use this QR code for location information.



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.

MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

Morning Prayer meets 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 using this QR code:



Messenger Films resumes production on *Let Me Have My Son* this coming September 29 thru October 10. We are in need of volunteers in a number of areas:

- Lodging for several members of the cast and crew coming from outof-town. Three to four individual guest rooms needed.
- Local use of two or three vehicles (or volunteer drivers) for out-oftown cast and crew.
- Prayer support
- Extras

Contact Cris Krusen if you are able to help at ck@messengerfilms.com.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
Sept. 12, 2021	\$70,794	\$66,000

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 <u>https://oftheredeemerorg/give/</u>

<u>Staff</u>

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

Sonia Keillor - Parish Administrator

Rev. Liz Stewart - Deacon Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Sabbatical Sept. 1–Nov. 30

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Altar Guild - <u>Barbara Leafblad</u> Finance - <u>Roger Scharf</u> Website Manager - <u>Caleb Molstad</u> Hospitality Team - <u>Todd Willmarth</u> Missions Team - Rev. <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Music - <u>Paul Calvin</u> Prayer Ministry - Rev. <u>Dawn Lundgren</u> Youth Leadership Team Sonia Keillor Bjorn Lundgren

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