

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 5, 2021

## LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Verse 1 Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator Triumphantly raise Who fashioned and made us Protected and stayed us Who still guides us on To the end of our days God's banners are o'er us His light goes before us A pillar of fire Shining forth in the night 'Til shadows have vanished And darkness is banished As forward we travel From light into light

Verse 2 His law He enforces The stars in their courses The sun in His orbit obediently shine The hills and the mountains The rivers and fountains The deeps of the ocean Proclaim Him divine We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing With glad adoration A song let us raise 'Til all things now living Unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest Hosanna and praise

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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

### How Firm A Foundation

Verse 1
How firm a foundation
You saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
In His excellent Word
What more can He say
Than to you He has said
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled

Verse 2
Fear not I am with you
Oh be not dismayed
For I am your God
And will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous
Omnipotent hand

Verse 3
When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie
My grace all sufficient
Shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you
I only design
Your dross to consume
And your gold to refine

Verse 4
The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose
I will not I will not
Desert to his foes
That soul though all hell
Should endeavor to shake
I'll never no never
No never forsake

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# Who You Say I Am

Verse 1
Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2
Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2 In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# PROVERBS 4:20-5:6

- <sup>20</sup> My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.
- <sup>21</sup> Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.
- <sup>22</sup> For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.
- <sup>23</sup> Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
- <sup>24</sup> Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.
- <sup>25</sup> Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.
- 26 Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.
- <sup>27</sup> Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.
- 5:1 My son, be attentive to my wisdom; incline your ear to my understanding,
- <sup>2</sup> that you may keep discretion, and your lips may guard knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil,
- <sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
- <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps follow the path to Sheol;
- 6 she does not ponder the path of life; her ways wander, and she does not know it.

The Holy Bible, ESV

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

# PSALM 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

The Holv 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 5:19-20

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup> remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

The Holy Bible, NIV

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 7:12-14

 $^{12}$  "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

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.

# 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.

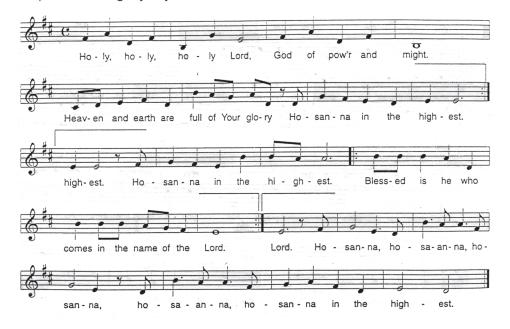
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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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## Come Thou Fount

#### Verse 1

Come Thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above Praise His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love

#### Verse 2

Hitherto Thy love has blest me Thou hast bro't me to this place And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace Jesus sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God He to rescue me from danger Bo't me with His precious blood

#### Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee Prone to wander Lord I feel it Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart O take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

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# 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

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## ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

#### Verse 1

Now the days and hours and moments Of our suff'ring seem so long; And the toilsome wait and wond'ring Threaten silence to our song. Now our pain is real and pressing Where our faith is thin and weak, But our hope is set on Jesus; And we cling to him, our strength.

#### Verse 2

Oh eternal weight of glory!
Oh inheritance divine!
We will see our Lord redeeming
Every past and future time.
All our pains will be transfigured,
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.
We will see the weight of glory,
And our broken years restored.

#### Chorus

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:
At the trumpet sound we'll wake
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"
When we meet our King of Grace
Every year we thought was wasted
Every night we cried "How long?"
All will be a passing moment
In our Savior's vict'ry song

#### Verse 3

We will see our wounded Savior. We'll behold him face to face; And we'll hear our anguished stories Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

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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.

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 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!



## FALL MINISTRY KICKOFF PICNIC

September 10, 5-7:30 p.m.

Tony Schmidt Regional Park in Arden Hills

You're invited! Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The church will provide a catered meal served cafeteria style.

Due to health concerns, we will not provide common thermoses for water. We will have some drinks, but in the interest of minimizing waste, we invite you to bring your own beverages, especially for children. We will be in the pavilion, but feel free to bring extra chairs and lawn games for the field.

We hope to see you there!

## Refugee Life Ministry Team

Church of the Redeemer is forming a Refugee Life Ministry team to welcome a refugee family from Syria (Father mid-30's, Mother mid-20's, Daughter - 6, Son - 4) on Thursday, Sept. 9. One-time help is needed to move furniture into the family's residence on Sept. 8. 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 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.* 

## Youth Group

#### Weekly on Sundays, beginning Sept. 12, 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.

### Youth Hangout-September 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our next hangout, for youth in grades 6-12, will be held at the Hubers' house (2936 Old Highway 8, Roseville).

We hope you can join us! Contact Courtney with questions at huberscourtney@gmail.com.

# 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.





#### Nursery and Preschool

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

Begins September 12!

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

Begins September 12!

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

4th Sundays, 3:45-4:15, Beginning Sept. 26

As a continuation of our Adventures in Prayer from this past summer, we will be using Biblical encounters with Jesus to encourage us in our own conversations with God. Through our imaginations we will explore stories from the Gospels while we listen for and respond to the voice of our Savior.

## 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." Our first gathering of the ministry year will be held at Como Park on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Subsequent gatherings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning on Oct. 6. Use this OR 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 - Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7:30 a.m.

After a summer hiatus, Morning Prayer will resume via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week, beginning September 15th.

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 here:



# SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: EXTRAS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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
Aug. 29, 2021	\$59,078	\$54,000

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#### Staff

Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

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

### **Ministry Teams**

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