



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 15, 2021**

Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



## **Prelude and Ringing of Bell**

**Hymn**

**“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”**

**915**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**[L]** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C]** **Amen.**

**[L]** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**[C]** **who made heaven and earth.**

**[L]** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**[C]** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**[L]** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**[C]** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**[L]** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**[C]** **Amen.**

**Introit**

**Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9**

**[L]** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

- C** His praise endures forever!
- L** Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
**C** in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- L** Great are the works of the Lord,  
**C** studied by all who delight in them.
- L** Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
**C** and his righteousness endures forever.
- L** He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
**C** the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- L** He provides food for those who fear him;  
**C** he remembers his covenant forever.
- L** He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
- C** Holy and awesome is his name!  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** His praise endures forever!

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.
- L** Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

## Proverbs 9:1–10 ESV

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house;  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup> She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.”  
 7 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,  
 and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.  
 8 Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;  
 reprove a wise man, and he will love you.  
 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;  
 teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.  
 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
 and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

**L** Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C** for those who fear him lack nothing!

**L** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21 ESV

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
 and arise from the dead,  
 and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the

Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

St. John 6:51–69 ESV

**[L]** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**[C]** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>51</sup> [Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> 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. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> 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. <sup>58</sup> 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.” <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> 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. <sup>64</sup> 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.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You

have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

**[L]** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles’ Creed** **207**

**Hymn** “You Are the Way, Through You Alone” **526**

**Letter from Pastor** **St. John 6:51–69**

“The Flesh and Blood That Keeps You Fresh”

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Gerald Mead (Lori Milbrath’s uncle), Jane Henning, Heather Muir (Mary Muir’s stepdaughter), Sue Schulz, Neil Miller, Corlene Hansen, Rose Baerg (Mark Oeltjenbruns’s aunt), Ron Kloos, Spencer Hesser, Barney Olson, Delbert Milbrath (Steve Milbrath’s uncle), Travus Mekosch, Kim Nesmoe.*

*Prayer concludes:*

**[L]** . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** **Amen.**

## **Offering**

**Hymn** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” **790**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

## **Collect and Benediction**

**[L]** Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**[C]** **Amen.**

**[L]** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**[C]** **Amen.**

**Hymn** “On What Has Now Been Sown” **921**

## **Postlude**



**Thank you to Lay Ministers Mark Mohr and Mark Oeltjenbruns  
for leading us in worship this morning!**

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