



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Jackson, Minnesota**  
*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*  
**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 25, 2023**

**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.

**Communion Policy:** In the Lord’s Supper, the Risen Christ gives us His true Body & Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. As we participate in the Lord’s Supper we declare doctrinal unity. Therefore we ask guests who are not members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to speak with Pastor before communing with us.



**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Hymn** “Father, We Praise Thee” **875**

**Confession and Absolution** **184-185**

**Introit** **Ps. 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 56:13**

**[P]** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

**[C]** that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**[P]** When I am afraid,

**[C]** I put my trust in you.

**[P]** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**[C]** What can flesh do to me?

**[P]** In God, whose word I praise,

**[C]** in the LORD, whose word I praise,

**[P]** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**[C]** What can man do to me?

**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.**

**[P]** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

**[C]** that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis**

**186-189**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**  
**P** Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** *(sung)* **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## Jeremiah 20:7–13 ESV

- <sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.
- <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.
- <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,”  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.
- <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
“Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.”
- <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor

will never be forgotten.

- <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

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

## Gradual

Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b

**P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**C** and his greatness is unsearchable.

**P** On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**C** and I will declare your greatness.

## Epistle

Romans 6:12–23 ESV

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	<b>St. Matthew 10:5a, 21–33 ESV</b>
<b>ⲡ</b> The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.	
<b>Ⲙ</b> ( <i>sung</i> ) <b>Glory be to Thee, O Lord.</b>	
<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .	
<sup>21</sup> “Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.	
<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.	
<sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.	
<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”	
<b>ⲡ</b> This is the Gospel of the Lord.	
<b>Ⲙ</b> ( <i>sung</i> ) <b>Praise be to Thee, O Christ.</b>	
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Lord of Our Life” 659</b>
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“You Are Free!” Romans 6:12–23</b>
<b>Installation of Officers, Boards, and Directors</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	<b>192-193</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
<i>Ken Temple, Richard Polz, Lorna Nielsen, Joyce Dorschner, Karen Temple,</i>	

*Keaton Clipperton, Gen Rehnel, Robert Pohlman, Diann Johnson (Bernie Stubbe's sister), Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,                      **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Service of the Sacrament** **194-202**

**Distribution Hymns** **694, 713**

**Closing Hymn** **805**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Postlude**



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