



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 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.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “Praise Be to Christ” **538**

Confession and Absolution **203**

Introit **Ps. 147:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6**

[P] The LORD lifts up the humble;

[C] he casts the wicked to the ground.

[P] Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

[C] for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

[P] The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

[C] he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

[P] He heals the brokenhearted

[C] and binds up their wounds.

[P] He determines the number of the stars;

[C] he gives to all of them their names.

[P] Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;

[C] his understanding is beyond measure.

**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] The LORD lifts up the humble;

[C] he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32 ESV

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.

⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰ “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

📖 This is the Word of the Lord. **🙌** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 21:23–27 ESV

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

🙌 Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell

me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 206

Hymn “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 575

Sermon “Shine” **Philippians 2:1–18**

Prayer of the Church

*Irene Montgomery, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s sister-in-law),
Ken Temple, Karen Temple, 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 concludes

P . . . through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Service of the Sacrament 208-212

Distribution Hymns 596, 620

Closing Hymn “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship” 949

Postlude



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