



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Jackson, Minnesota
“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 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.



Prelude and Ringing of Bell

Hymn “God Himself Is Present” **907**

Confession and Absolution **203**

Introit **Ps. 92:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 92:5**

P How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

P It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C and your faithfulness by night,

P to the music of the lute and the harp,

C to the melody of the lyre.

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

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 How great are your works, O LORD!

C Your thoughts are very deep!

Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis **204**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9 ESV

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

[P] Fear the LORD, you his saints,

[C] for those who fear him lack nothing!

[P] Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

[C] but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10 ESV

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 18:1–20 ESV

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵ “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶ but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

⁸ And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in

heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

Apostles’ Creed 207

Hymn “May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” 698

Sermon “One God, Two Realms” **Romans 13:1–10**

Installation of Sunday School and Release Time Teachers

Prayer of the Church

Irene Montgomery, Teresa Jensen (Kristin Schentzel’s friend), 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. We remember in our prayers the family of Lorna Nielsen, who recently passed away.

Petitions conclude:

P . . . let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

Final petition:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering

Hymn “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” 791

The Lord’s Prayer

Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction 212

Hymn “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” 867

Postlude



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