



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

**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 the Bell

Hymn “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” 904

Opening Verses, Venite 219-221

Psalmody Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 14

**P** In the way of your testimonies I delight

**C** as much as in all riches.

**P** How can a young man keep his way pure?

**C** By guarding it according to your word.

**P** With my whole heart I seek you;

**C** let me not wander from your commandments!

**P** I have stored up your word in my heart,

**C** that I might not sin against you.

**P** Blessed are you, O LORD;

**C** teach me your statutes!

**P** With my lips I declare

**C** all the rules of your mouth.

**P** In the way of your testimonies I delight

**C** as much as in all riches.

**P** I will meditate on your precepts

**C** and fix my eyes on your ways.

**P** I will delight in your statutes;

**C** I will not forget your word.

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** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

## Old Testament Reading

## Ecclesiastes 5:10–20 ESV

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother’s womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

<sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

## Hebrews 4:1–16 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

<sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest,’ ”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

<sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**[P]** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

**St. Mark 10:23–31 ESV**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters

and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Responsory

221

Hymn

“What Is the World to Me”

730

## Catechism Lesson: Confession

**P** What is the Office of the Keys?

**C** The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

**P** Where is this written?

**C** This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

**P** What do you believe according to these words?

**C** I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Sermon

“Treasures Unlocked”

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Canticle

“Te Deum”

223-225

Offering

Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer, Salutation

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## Prayer of the Church

*Ken Temple, Derek Rehnelt (Gen Rehnelt’s grandson), Mary Grantz, Ruth Polz, Doug Wetzler, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Don Kuehl, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who is deployed overseas in our nation’s armed forces.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*Final petition:*

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, Your Son left His earthly home to do His saving work, and so He knows what it is to leave family behind. Comfort Your children who have left home and loved ones for the sake of the Gospel. Set them firmly into the family of the Church, and sustain them in the hope of eternal life in the age to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction** **228**

**Hymn** “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” **919**

**Postlude**



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