

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

"Bringing Jesus to Jackson"

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

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.

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Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn "Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal"

916

Opening Verses, Venite

219-221

Psalmody

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

- **P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- **C** but the way of the wicked will perish.
- P Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
- on or stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- **P** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
- and on his law he meditates day and night.
- P He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
- **C** In all that he does, he prospers.
- **P** The wicked are not so,
- **C** but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
- P Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
- on nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- **P** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
- **©** but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
- **C** but the way of the wicked will perish.

Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Old Testament Reading

¹ I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices; a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

4 who sit in tombs,

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and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

5 who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

⁶ Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap

payment for their former deeds."

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,'

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

my chosen shall possess it,

and my servants shall dwell there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 3:23—4:7 ESV

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ^{4:1} I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Luke 8:26-39 ESV

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered

the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

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Hymn "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

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Catechism Lesson: The Ten Commandments

- **P** The First Commandment
- **C** You shall have no other gods.
- **P** What does this mean?
- **C** We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
- P The Second Commandment
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Sermon

"Why Then the Law?"

Galatians 3:23—4:7

Canticle

"Te Deum"

223-225

Offering

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer, Salutation

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Prayer of the Church

Shealyn Schuetz (Pastor's niece), Craig Hakes, Yvonne Schmidt, Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Jim Grantz, Doug Wetzler, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple's daughter-in-law), Don Kuehl, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard's son), Ron Sinn, Ron Kloos, Travus Mekosch.

Petitions conclude:

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

Final petition:

- P Dear Father, You know the condition of our souls, that we frequently wander into sins, vice and danger. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ, who defeated legions of demons so that we might receive adoption as sons; 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.

Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction 228

Hymn "We Are Called to Stand Together" **828**

Postlude

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