



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

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 “With the Lord Begin Your Task” 869

Opening Verses, Venite 219-221

Psalmody Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

- P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.
P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
C though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
C he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
C I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C be gracious to me and answer me!
P You have said, “Seek my face.”
C My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

C O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

Hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” **738**

Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 55:6–9** **ESV**

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle **Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30** **ESV**

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of

this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 20:1–16 ESV

¹[Jesus said] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Catechism Lesson: The Lord’s Prayer**P** The Introduction**C** Our Father who art in heaven.**P** What does this mean?**C** With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**Sermon** “The Math of the Reign”**St. Matthew 20:1–16****Canticle**

“Te Deum”

223-225**Offering****Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer, Salutation****227****Prayer of the Church**

Craig Hakes, Ron Kolar, Jeff Schaefer (Mary Muir’s cousin), Lynette Zaske (Dee Kloos’s sister), Corlyen Stoltenburg, Gloria Carlson (Shelly Tusa’s sister), Richard Polz, Chad Kuehl (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew), Leo Taylor (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew’s grandson), Mary Grantz, Helen Mekosch, Ann Olson, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos’s brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir’s cousin), Karen Temple, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Ron Sinn, Travus Mekosch.

*Petitions conclude:***P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.*Final petition concludes:***P** . . . one God, now and forever.**C** Amen.**Collect for Grace, Benedicamus, Benediction****228****Hymn** “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”**920****Postlude**

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