



# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

**September 18, 2016 - Pastor Mark Voss – Pentecost 18**

## OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

**C: That we may walk in your truth.**

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

**C: We trust your loving care.**

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

**C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## MUSICAL SELECTION – *“Holy Is the Lord”*

Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Eagle Choir

Arranged by Mary McDonald

The mountains speak your majesty; the trees lift up their hands.

The thunder rolls your praise throughout the sky.

In the rain I hear a melody; creation starts to sing-

And magnify the One who reigns on high.

Refrain: Holy, holy; holy, holy. Holy, holy is the Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia! Holy is the Lord!

In the glory of His presence; in the splendor of His pow’r,

He inhabits all the praises of His own.

In humble adoration I lift my voice to sing

And magnify the One upon the throne! Refrain x3

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**ALL: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.**

**We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have born in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.**

**We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.**

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

**ALL: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE – "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system of lyrics is: "How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear! Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hid - ing place, O Je - sus, Shep-herd, Guard-ian, Friend, My Proph - et, Priest, and King,". The second system of lyrics is: "It soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear. My ne - ver - fail - ing trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace. My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring."

## God's Word in Our Lives

### ***Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 24-25 – Signs of Erosion***

<sup>1</sup>I thought in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be meaningless.

<sup>2</sup>"Laughter," I said, "is foolish. And what does pleasure accomplish?"

<sup>3</sup>I tried cheering myself with wine, and embracing folly—  
my mind still guiding me with wisdom.

I wanted to see what was worthwhile for men to do under heaven  
during the few days of their lives.

<sup>4</sup>I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.

<sup>5</sup>I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them.

<sup>6</sup>I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees.

<sup>7</sup>I bought male and female slaves and had other slaves who were born in my house.

I also owned more herds and flocks than anyone in Jerusalem before me.

<sup>8</sup>I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces.

I acquired men and women singers, and a harem as well-  
-the delights of the heart of man.

<sup>9</sup>I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me.

In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

<sup>10</sup>I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor.

<sup>11</sup>Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve,

everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;  
nothing was gained under the sun.

<sup>24</sup>A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work.

This too, I see, is from the hand of God,

<sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

### ***Luke 16:1-13 – Using our time, talents and treasures to serve***

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg-- I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

**C: He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## MUSICAL SELECTION – “O Lord, You Know Me Completely”

RMLHS Eagle Choir

Hal Hopson

*Refrain:* O Lord, you know me completely.  
You know my sleeping; you know my waking.  
You know my ev'ry thought.  
You are acquainted with the secrets of my heart.

Yo sé que tu amor va conmigo;  
Y siempre me rodea.  
Si fuese a la montaña,  
O por el valle andaré,  
Tu diestra me guiará;  
Y a sí me sotendrá.

Yo sé que tu amor va conmigo;  
Y siempre me rodea.  
Si fuese por la obscuridad,  
Tu luz vendrá sobre mí;  
Tu diestra me guiará;  
Y a sí me sotendrá.

O Dios tú me conoces.  
Cuando me duermo, me despierto.  
Tú conoces mis pensamientos.  
Conoces los secretos de mi corazón.

I know that your love will be with me;  
It goes behind me, before me.  
If I should climb to the tallest peak,  
Or wander through the valley  
Your hand will guide my way;  
Your hand will hold me fast. *Refrain*

I know that your love will be with me;  
It goes behind me, before me.  
If I should walk through darkest night,  
Your light will shine around me.  
Your hand will guide my way;  
Your hand will hold me fast. *Refrain*



# Sermon

*In Living Color  
The Life of King Solomon*

*#2 Signs of Erosion  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11;24-25*

**OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**MUSICAL SELECTION – “Ain’ a That Good News”**

**RMLHS Eagle Choir**

Arr. Pat Messick

I got a crown up in-a the kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I got a crown up in-a the kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I’ m a gonna lay down this worl’, Gonna shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna take in home-a to my Jesus, Ain’-a that good news!  
Good news, my Lord oh Ain-a that good news!

I got a harp up in-a the kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I got a harp up in-a the kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I’ m a gonna lay down this worl’, Gonna shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna take in home-a to my Jesus, Ain’-a that good news!  
Good news, my Lord oh Ain-a that good news!

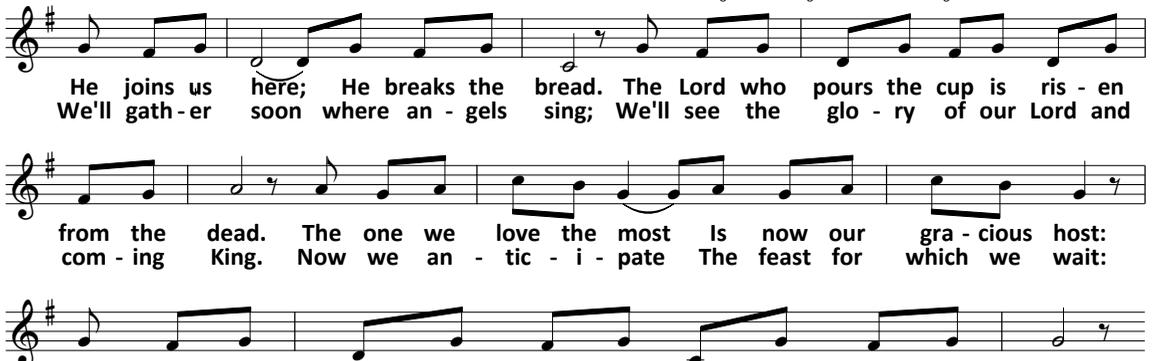
I gotta Savior in-a that kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I gotta Savior in-a that kingdom, Ain’-a that good news!  
I’ m a gonna lay down this worl’, Gonna shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna take in home-a to my Jesus, Ain’-a that good news!  
Good news, my Lord oh Ain-a that good news!

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

## WORDS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

### COME SHARE THE LORD

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He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en  
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and  
from the dead. The one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:  
com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

## RECEPTION AND HYMN – “O Lord of Heaven and Sea”

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### THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

**C: We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.**

P: By his incarnation,

**C: He became one with us.**

P: By his perfect life,

**C: He fulfilled your holy will.**

P: By his innocent death,

**C: He overcame hell.**

P: By his rising from the grave,

**C: He opened heaven.**

**ALL: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**BLESSING AND CLOSING**

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

**CLOSING BENEDICTION – “Jude Benediction”**

**RMLHS Eagle Choir**

Arr. Mark Hayes

Now to Him who is able to keep you,  
Who is able to keep you from stumbling,  
And to make you stand in the presence  
Of His glory, blameless with great joy;  
To the only God, our Savior,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
Be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority  
Before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL - EAGLE CHOIR ROSTER**

*Directed by Dawn Punke*

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Calli Boniek	Kelsey Boucher	Levi Adickes	Luke Hahm
Elesia Gonzales	Grace Sievert	Joshua Bachicha	Seth Hughes
Ruth Kennedy	Annie	Caleb Paul	Michael
Cheryl Miller	Vinzenz	Ryan Johnson	Schlittenhart

Thank you: Bob and Lila James thank you for all the cards, prayers and words of encouragement following the sudden death of Lila’s sister Vada. What a blessing it is to be a part of God’s family.

Thank you: To all who helped/participated in last week’s Fall Family Festival - great job and great day!

Thank you: Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Eagle Choir for adding so much to our service this morning.

## Our Purpose

**Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.**

To carry out this purpose we believe and teach:

That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;

That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;

That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;

That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;

That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;

That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

**We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the  
Wisconsin Lutheran Synod  
and with them carry on a world-wide ministry. [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)**

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