

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

September 4, 2016 - Pentecost 16 - Pastor Mark Voss

OPENING HYMN - "*Love In Christ Is Strong and Living*"

CW 490

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it;



you make us pure and ho - ly in your sight.



You did not spare your on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all.



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood.



You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

The life of faith is one of true humility

EPISTLE – Hebrews 13:1-8

Commitment and contentment

¹Keep on loving each other as brothers. ²Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." ⁶So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that



we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

GOSPEL – Luke 14:1, 7-14

The guest list might surprise you

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

CW 452

SERMON

Hebrews 13:1-8 (see page 3)

SERMON SERIES – A Faith Worth Following Commitment and Contentment

CONFESSION OF FAITH – *The Meaning of the Second Article*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND 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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, partake of the sacrament.

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

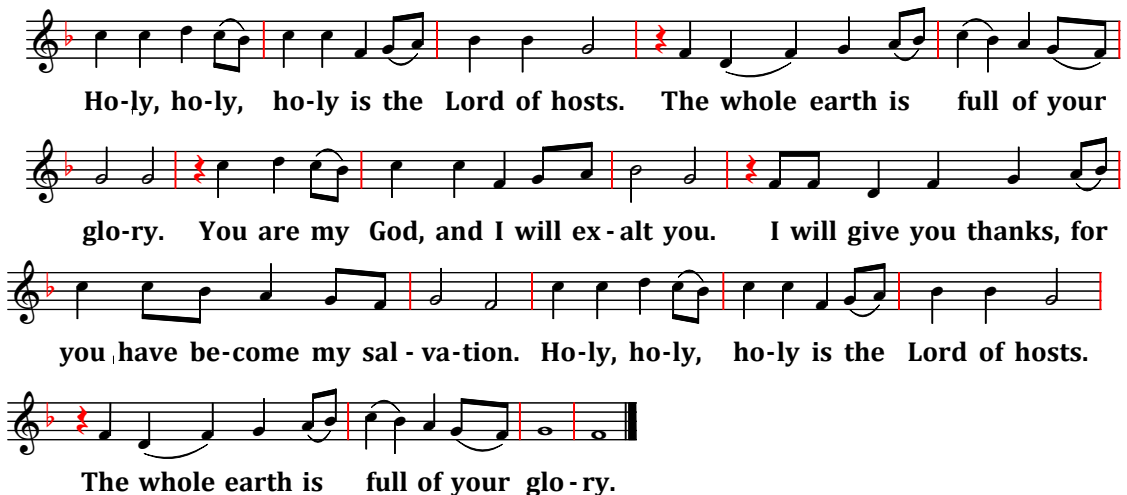
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN - "How Can I Thank You Lord"

CW 460

THANKSGIVING



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING DOXOLOGY - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

CW 334

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- **A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.**
- **Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our worship service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.**
- **Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.**
- **Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR – September 4-11

Today	9a Worship with Communion 10a Fellowship
Monday	Labor Day – No School
Thursday	8a Bible Study 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
Saturday	8:30a School of Outreach 9a Soccer at Rangeview
Sunday	9a Worship 10a Fellowship, Bible Class & Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local School of Outreach: The School of Outreach is a ministry provided by our Wisconsin Synod's Commission on Evangelism. The one-day school is open to all of our members and is designed to help you talk about Jesus with others. It will be Saturday, September 10, from 8:30a-2:30p and will be held at Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School. More information, as well as a sign-up sheet, is on the narthex table.

COR Family Festival!

Join us next Sunday, September 11th, from 11:30a – 2p

Hosted by our COR Outreach and Adult Discipleship Boards

We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings'.
If you'd like, bring along a dessert, salad, fruit or veggie



**There will be Face Painting
Water Balloon Toss
Bouncy Castle
Dunk Tank
and Cotton Candy!**

See you there!