

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

October 16, 2016 - Pentecost 22 - Pastor Mark Voss

OPENING HYMN - *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

CW 411

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: Lord, keep your household, the Church in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL SELECTION – Junior Choir

“Go Ye Into the World”

THE WORD

Our lessons emphasize the Scriptures and prayer – two wonderful blessings for Christians

OLD TESTAMENT – Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7

The Old Testament Lesson serves as our sermon text for today

⁹Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment. ¹⁰So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigor are meaningless.

¹Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"--

²before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain;

³when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim;

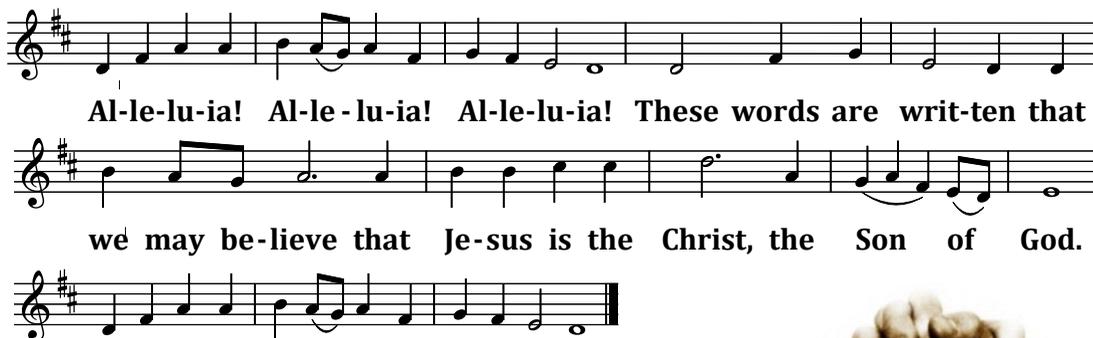
⁴when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when men rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint;

⁵when men are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags himself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then man goes to his eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

⁶Remember him--before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, ⁷and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. 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 18:1-8

The proper way for a Christian to pray

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

HYMN OF THE DAY – *"We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"*

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SERMON

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:7 (see page 3)

SERMON SERIES

In Living Color – The Life of King Solomon

#5 Sound Advice from an Old Rebel

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.



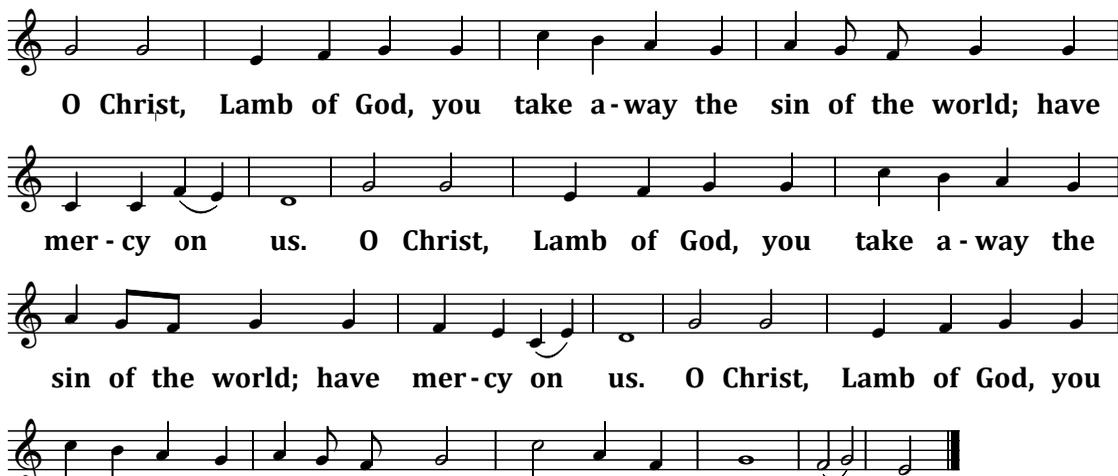
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



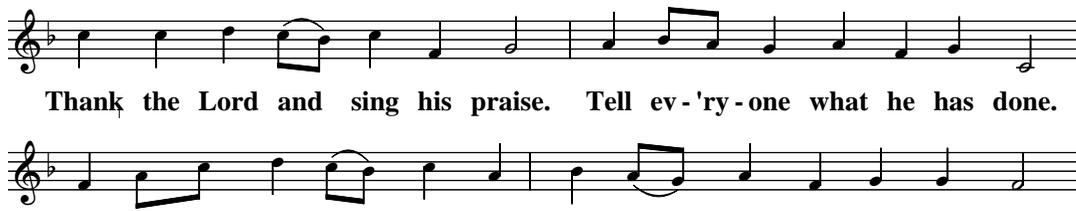
C: A - men.



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

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 HYMN

“Thy Word”



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



When I feel a-fraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right be-
I will not for-get Your love for me, and yet My heart for - ev - er is



- side me, And noth-ing will I fear As long as you are near.
wan-der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide, And hold me to your side, And



Please be near me to the end. Noth-ing will I fear As long as you are near.
I will love you to the end. Noth-ing will I fear As long as you are near.



Please be near me to the end.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain



TRUNK OR TREAT: Christ Our Redeemer's eighth annual Trunk or Treat is Friday, October 28th, from 6:30-7:30p. Free fun for the entire family! Bring your family to trick or treat in a safe and friendly place, vote for the best decorated vehicle.

There are postcards available to hand out to friends and neighbors, and a sign-up sheet if you would like to bring candy, or decorate a vehicle. See you there!

TEA TOUR: The COR Women's Group is traveling to Boulder on Saturday, October 22nd, to tour the Celestial Seasonings factory to learn about the wonderful world of tea. We will leave from the church at 10:00am for the tea tour and lunch. All women in the congregation are invited. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY: The Lord has moved a member of our congregation to generously offer matching funds up to \$2,000 to support Christian education! The strongest suggestion for the use of this gift is to put it towards improving our classroom technology. If the Lord would move you to support this special giving opportunity, here is what your gifts will support:

1. The first \$3,000 will go towards purchasing and installing a Smartboard in the 3-5 grade classroom.
2. The next \$1,000+ will go towards updating existing Chromebooks and Chromeboxes.
3. Any additional funds will be put towards adding a Smartboard to the 6-8 grade classroom in the future.

VOLUNTEERS: Our volunteer list for November and December will be made out this week. Please contact the church office and let us know if you have any scheduling conflicts.

RMLHS Rocky Run 5K & Family Fun Run: The RMLHS Booster Club would like to invite you to our 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run for kids. The event will take place on Saturday, October 22, at 9:00am at the Reunion Recreation Center (17910 Parkside Dr N, Commerce City, CO 80022). The cost is \$30/5K or \$5/Fun Run. Parents are welcome to join their kids on the Fun Run at no charge. You can register for the race by visiting

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/CommerceCity/RMLHS5K>.

If you'd like to volunteer or register, please contact the school (ad@rmlhs.org or 303-346-1947).

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