CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 13 August 19, 2018 Pastor Mark Voss

A Prayer to Begin

O Lord – our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter – we are gathered in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our Worship

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.

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 borne 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"

CW 358 vv 1, 3, 5 Text and Tune: public domain. *Setting: c 1982 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission of CPH. How sweet the name be - liev le - sus sounds In ear! build, My shield and hid name! The rock on which I place, Je - sus, Shep-herd, Guard-ian, Friend, My Proph - et. Priest. and King, It soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear. bound-less stores of Mvne - ver-fail - ing trea-surv filled With grace. Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

God's Word in Our Lives

Ephesians 5:15-20 - We've got spirit

¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise,

¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

¹⁹Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

Matthew 6:25-34 - Jesus teaches us not to worry

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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.

SERMON HYMN - "Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit"

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Sermon Series - The Glorious Body of Christ SERMON: We've Got Spirit based on Ephesians 5:15-20

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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



RECEPTION AND MEDITATION

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

- 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 HYMN

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

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Weekly Calendar

Today 9a Worship

10a Bible Study and Fellowship

Monday (Sunday School Staff Meeting moved to August 27th)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR AND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Thursday No Bible Study

No Adult Discipleship

7p Worship – please check with us to confirm

No Bible Study

Sunday 9a Worship

10a Bible Study and Fellowship

Weekly Volunteers

Ushers Marv Kruse / Jay Juhl / Dan Wilkins

Altar Melissa Serviss / Kathy Meister

Outreach Voss

Greeters Dan & Kristin Wilkins, Devin, Hailey, Aaron & Adam

Counters Volz/Casey

Nursery Michelle Suparat

Coffee Hosts Lynette Weinkauf / Samantha Gee / Terry Miller / Kym Christ

Cleaners Schmidt / Seggelke, R / Seggelke, J

Lawncare Christ / Shepherd

FAMILY FESTIVAL: Join us Sunday, September 9th, from 11:30 to 2p for our Family Festival. There is a sheet and poster to sign in the narthex if you can help with anything. See you there!

All are invited to the installation service at Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster for Teacher Karen Luehring, Principal Nathan Scharf, and Pastor Jeremy Belter on August 26th at 5p. Shepherd of the Valley will host a grill out / picnic in its courtyard after the service. All are welcome!

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

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