

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Pastor Mark Voss

OPENING HYMN – “Son of God Eternal Savior”

CW 492

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Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
Bind us all as one to - geth - er In your Chur - ch's
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us, Hon - ors
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion; Bid its
sa - cred fold, Weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y, Sad and
all our hu - man race, You our head, who, throned in glor - y,
cru - el dis - cords cease. By your pa - tient years of toil - ing,
joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or sor - row?
For your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with your
By your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
love and pit - y; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
thirst for plea - sure; Stem our self - ish greed for gain.
crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, reflecting on the times we have neglected the mission he has given us. Let us ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the Word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all that they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the spread of your life-giving Gospel through the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD



All Glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we
Our grate-ful thanks to you we bring. For your great glo - ry,



glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and grace, Your
heav - 'nly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have done Through



fa - vor toward our fall - en race.
Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and meditation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Genesis 15:1-6 – *The essence of faith*

¹ After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” ² But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” ⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars —if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.

Hebrews 11:1

GOSPEL – Luke 12:32-40 – *Spiritual treasures bring daily dividends*

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

SERMON HYMN – “*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*”

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We walk by faith and not by sight; No gra-cious words we hear
We may not touch his hands and side Nor fol-low where he trod,
Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief, And may our faith a-bound
For you, O re-sur-rec-ted Lord, Are found in means di-vine;
Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clear-er light,



From him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we be-lieve him near.
But in his prom-ise we re-joice And cry, "My Lord and God."
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.
Be-neath the wa-ter and the Word, Be-neath the bread and wine.
We may be-hold you as you are With full and end-less sight.

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SERMON

Where Have All Our Heroes Gone?

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

THE SACRAMENT

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

PREFACE

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 to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

SING:

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I come, O Sav-ior, to your ta-ble, For weak and wea-ry is my soul; O Je-sus,
you a-lone are a - ble To sat-is - fy and make me whole. Lord, may your
bod-y and your blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

P: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. 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.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SING:

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**By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

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THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and your blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

P: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

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Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
A faith that shines more bright and clear When
A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till
Lord, give us such a faith as this, And



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
life's last spark is fled And with a pure and
then, whate' - er may come, We'll taste e'en now the



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt,
heav' - nly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.
hal - lowed bliss Of an e - ter - nal home.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Today 9a Worship with Communion
10a Bible Study & Fellowship
- Monday NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Tuesday 6:30-8p Facility in Use
- Wednesday 7:15p Choir
- Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
7p Worship
7:45p Bible Study
- Friday 5p Back to School Bonfire
- Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Sunday School & Bible Study
11:30a - 1:30p Family Festival
1:30p Accreditation Meeting

FAMILY FESTIVAL: Sunday, September 8th, from 11:30a-1:30p. Sign-up sheets in the narthex. Come and bring your friends! Picnic type food inside, games and crafts outside. See you there!

CHOIR: We will start our Fall Choir session this Wednesday at 7:15p. There will be a schedule of when we sing/practice at this first practice. All are welcome! Can't wait to see you there!

LADIES DAY OUT: On Saturday, September 14th, join us for a day in beautiful Golden. We will carpool from church around 11a, make a scented candle at Mountain Lux, get some lunch and shop or walk along the creek while our candles set. Not into making a candle!! You can also create wax tarts, reed diffusers, room and linen spray, or lotion. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Deadline to sign-up for this fun adventure is Sunday, September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Schmidt.

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.

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and with them carry on a world-wide ministry. www.wels.net**

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