

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pentecost 16 + September 29, 2019 + Vicar Matthew Swanson

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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.

Opening Hymn – “In Thee is Gladness”

Text: Johann Lindemann Tune: *In dir ist Freude*

Giovanna Giacomo Gastoldi Setting: Carl Schalk. ©1969 Concordia Publishing House

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The choir will sing verse one – the congregation will join in on verse two as printed

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "In Thee is Gladness". It consists of ten staves of music in a single system, all in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics "If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of earth or sin or death." The second staff continues with "He sees and bless - es In worst dis - tress - es;". The third staff has "He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry". The fourth staff says "Tell of his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es;". The fifth staff reads "All heav'n re - joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!". The sixth staff contains "We shout for glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness,". The seventh staff has "Love him and praise him And still shall raise him". The eighth staff concludes with "Glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!". The score ends with a double bar line.

If he is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of earth or sin or death.
He sees and bless - es In worst dis - tress - es;
He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry
Tell of his glo - ry With hearts and voic - es;
All heav'n re - joic - es In him for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
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Love him and praise him And still shall raise him
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Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

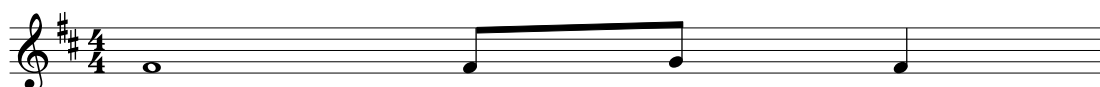
P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

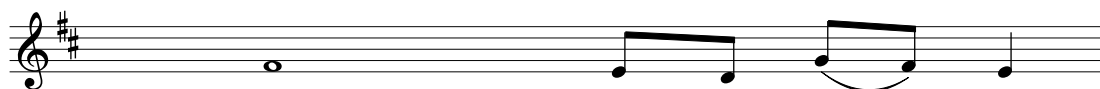
P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

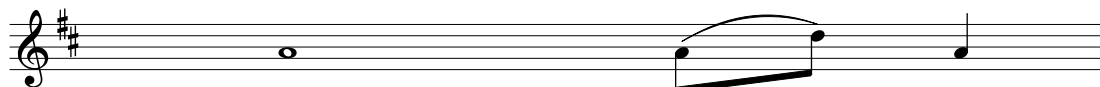
P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world! Let us worship him.



Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.



For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al-so his.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Text revised from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

God's Word

Proverbs 25:6-7

- ⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

Musical Selection – COR Choir

"Day by Day"

Text: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg Music *BLOTT EN DAG* Oscar Ahnfelt Setting: Donald Busarow
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James 2:1-13

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Seasonal Response:

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sermon Song – “May We Your Precepts Lord Fulfill”

CW 458

SERMON

The Best Seat is Yours

- Because you are exalted by God
- Because you are rewarded in the resurrection

Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ “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. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least

important place. ¹⁰ 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 the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Hymn of the Day – “O Fount of Good, for All Your Love”

CW 524

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

A Note to Our Guests: By giving a portion of our income as an offering, the members of our congregation show their thanks to God for all he has done. Through these free-will offerings, this church is able to share the good news of Jesus with others in our community and throughout the world.

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.

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Closing Song – “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

CW 321

Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain



Sav - ior a - gain to thy dear name we raise
Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
Grant us thy peace through out our earth - ly life.



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
With thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
Turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy peo - ple free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like for thee.
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

My *Peace*

I give to you

Let not your *Heart*

Be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 14:27

CALENDAR —

Today 8a Worship
9:15a Bible Class and Sunday School
10:30a Worship
Noon – No Catechism Class Today

Tuesday 6:30-8p Facility in Use

Wednesday 7:15p Choir

Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
7p Worship with Communion
7:45p Bible Study

Friday 3:15p Parent/Kids Soccer Game

Sunday 8a Worship with Communion
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30a Worship with Communion
Noon - Confirmation

Thank you to Vicar Matthew Swanson for leading our worship and sharing God's Word with us. Vicar Swanson serves at Zion in Denver, under the guidance of Pastor Brad Krause. We welcome Vicar warmly.

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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 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.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.