

# **Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

**Pentecost 18    October 1 & 4, 2020**

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**A warm welcome to our visitors.  
May the Lord bless your worship with us today.**

**Worship services Sundays at 8 & 10:30a    Thursdays at 7p  
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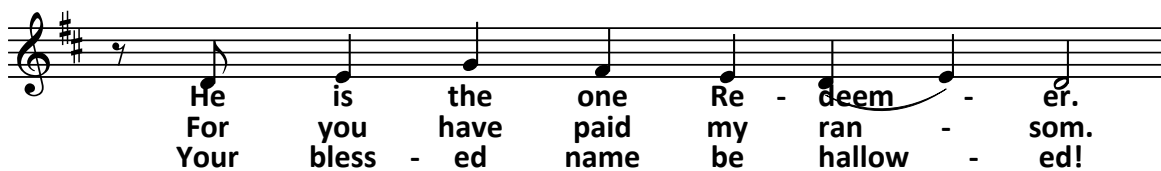
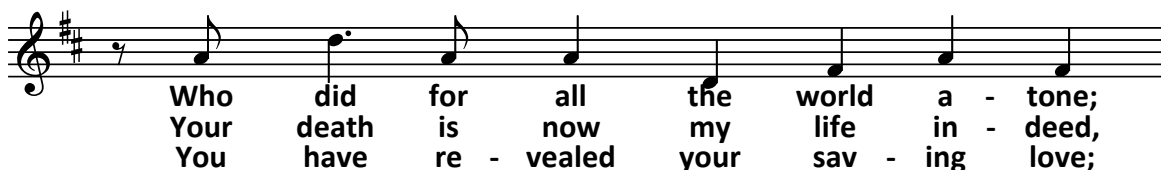
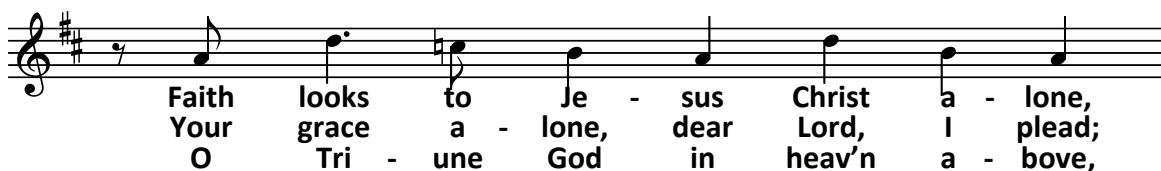
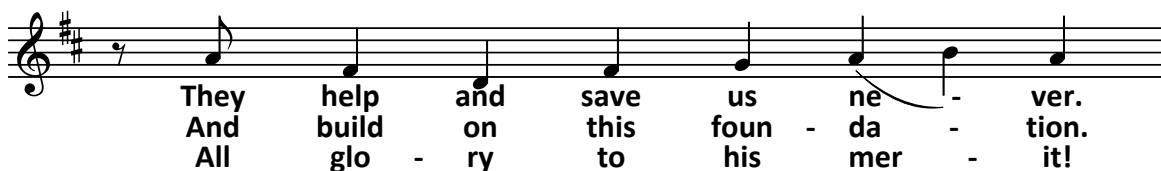
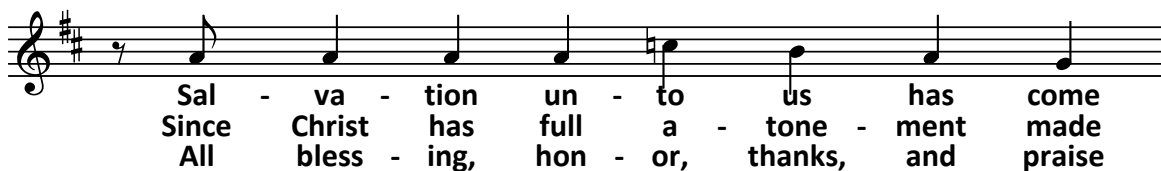
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## OPENING HYMN

### "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

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*Stand*

## **GREETING**

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

C (Congregation): **And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS**

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you the strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER**

P: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jonah 4:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

<sup>10</sup> But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

## SONG BY SCHOOL CHILDREN

### "Let the Savior's Mighty Call"

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Let the Savior's mighty call Reach the hearts of one and all,  
That the whole round world may know Christ is King and Christ alone.

Far and near the good news bring: "Jesus Christ is Lord and King!"  
Tell the world that God is near; Pray the Lord that all my hear.

May all listen and take heed: "Jesus is the friend we need."  
Spread the word to ev'ry shore So they all may God adore.

## EPISTLE LESSON Romans 9:6b-16

<sup>6b</sup> For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup> Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." <sup>8</sup> In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>10</sup> Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup> Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup> not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

<sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

<sup>16</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. <sup>17</sup> For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

## SERMON HYMN

## "Lord of the Living Harvest"

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Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens o'er the  
As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us work to  
Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us, God the



plain, Where an - gels soon will gath - er Their  
do. Con - tent to bear the bur - den Of  
Son and God the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Most



sheaves of gold - en grain, Ac - cept our hands to la - bor, Our  
wea - ry days for you, To ask no oth - er wa - ges When  
bless - ed Three in One. Make us your faith - ful ser - vants You



hearts to trust and love, And be with us to has - ten  
you will call us home Than to have shared the la - bor  
right - ly to a - dore, And fill us with your bless - ing



Your king - dom from a - bove.  
That makes your king - dom come.  
Both now and ev - er - more.

## **SERMON TEXT** Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup> “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ <sup>5</sup> So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

<sup>8</sup> “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

<sup>13</sup> “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## **SERMON THEME** Why God Does What He Does

*Stand*

### **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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. 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.**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **PRAYER**

### **THE 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 partake of the sacrament. You will be guided to the table by an usher. Your group may come forward together, please practice social distancing with other groups or individuals. The bread and wine are laid out individually for you to remove from the table.*

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Remain seated*

### **THE BLESSING**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

## “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

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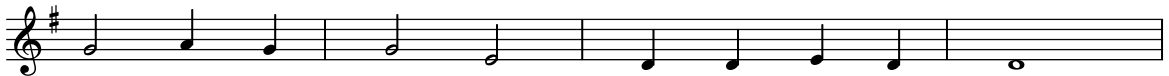
Sav - ior a - gain to thy dear name we raise  
Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
Grant us thy peace through out our earth - ly life.



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.

## OUR WEEK AHEAD

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| Today    | 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion     |
|          | 9:00a Child & Family Ministry Meeting |
|          | 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School     |
| Monday   | 6:15p Catechism                       |
| Thursday | 7:00p Worship                         |
|          | 7:45p Bible Study                     |