



TREASURE

in jars of clay

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pentecost 4 – June 17 & 20, 2021

Pastor Tom Engelbrecht

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

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Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me
Oh bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mer-cies
'Tis he for-gives my sins; 'Tis he re-lieves my
He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf-f'rers
His won-drous works and ways He made by Mo-ses



join And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose
lie For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And
pain; 'Tis he that heals my sick - ness - es And
rest, The Lord has judg - ments for the proud And
known, But sent the world his truth and grace By



fa - vors are di - vine.
with - out prais-es die.
makes me young a - gain.
jus - tice for th'op-pressed.
his be - lov - ed Son.

Stand

GREETING

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 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.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

– Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

PSALM

P: How great are your works, O Lord,

C: how profound are your thoughts!

P: The senseless man does not know,

C: fools do not understand.

P: That though the wicked spring up like grass

C: and all evildoers flourish,

P: they will be forever destroyed.

C: But you, O Lord, are exalted forever.

P: The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,

C: they will flourish in the courts of our God.

P: They will still bear fruit in old age,

C: they will stay fresh and green,

P: proclaiming, “The Lord is upright;

C: he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

SERMON HYMN

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

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I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home.
What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home.
There at my Sav-ior's side- Heav'n is my home-
There-fore I mur-mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des-ert drear; Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil-grim-age; Heav'n is my home.
I shall be glo-ri-fied; Heav'n is my home.
What-e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.
And time's wild, win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,
And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.
And there I too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my Fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.

SERMON TEXT

– 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY – It's Going to Be Good to Be Home

Stand

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

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.

LORD'S SUPPER

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.
You will be guided to the table by an usher.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

THE BLESSING

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"When Peace Like a River"

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When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,



When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll -
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;



What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
The trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



It is well, it is well with my soul.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.
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CALENDAR

Today	9:00a	Worship with Communion
	10:15a	Bible 201
Thursday	7:00p	Worship
Sunday	9:00a	Worship
	10:15a	Bible 201

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU: Our thanks to Mark Maurer for reading the liturgy this morning, and Alex Miller for reading the sermon. Thursday evening the service was read by Eric Mortag.

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS! The area WELS churches are gathering for a coed softball tournament on Saturday, July 10. We would love to get a team together from COR! Men and women are invited and encouraged to play—and if you have a friend that would be interested, bring them as well! Contact Pastor Engelbrecht to let him know that you are interested.

SOCCER CAMP: We are hosting a soccer camp this summer for children entering K-5th Grade. The camp will be July 26-28. Please visit our website www.christredeemer.church for additional information, including online registration. Flyers are located on the table in the narthex. Sign up your children. Tell your neighbors. Take them a flyer. We're looking forward to teaching some soccer and sharing our Savior! Also, we will need volunteers to help with camp and registration. Contact Pastor Engelbrecht or Seth Borchardt if you're willing to help out!

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

- If you are visiting, please do us the honor of filling out a connection card, located on the podium near the entrance to the sanctuary. After filling it out, please hand it to an usher, place it in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or give it to the pastor.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Restrooms are located through the gathering area, down the hallway to your left.
- We will not pass the offering plate during the service. Feel free to give an offering online at our website (www.christredeemer.church), scan the QR code to the right, or place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.

