

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



TREASURE

in jars of clay

The Gift of Giving

Pentecost 6

July 1 & 4, 2021

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OPENING HYMN

"I Leave All Things to God's Direction"

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I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul he,
My God has all things in his keep - ing; He is my



both in wealth and woe. His will is good, sure his af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on his hands he did en -
too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er - faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



- fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
- grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
- na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all his ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is he: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
- preme must ev - er be; What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly; What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
- dures e - ter - nal - ly; What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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.**

PRAYER

- P: Almighty God, you have made us your children and have given us this good land in which to live. Help us to always remember your generosity and give us the desire to do your will. When times are prosperous let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times do not let our trust in you fail. Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you, for meeting our every need through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-33

- ²² Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
- ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- ²⁴ I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
- ²⁶ it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
- ²⁷ It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.
- ²⁸ Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him.
- ²⁹ Let him bury his face in the dust —there may yet be hope.
- ³⁰ Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹ For no one is cast off by the Lord forever.

³² Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.

³³ For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

PSALM 30

P: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;

C: praise his holy name.

P: For his anger lasts only a moment,

C: but his favor lasts a lifetime;

P: weeping may remain for a night,

C: but rejoicing comes in the morning.

P: To you, O LORD, I called;

C: to the LORD I cried for mercy.

P: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;

C: O LORD, be my help.

P: You turned my wailing into dancing,

C: that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

SERMON HYMN

"I Gave My Life for Thee"

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I gave my life for thee, My pre-cious blood I
My Fa-ther's home of light, My rain-bow cir-cled
I spent long years for thee In wea-ri-ness and
I suf-fered much for thee, More than my tongue may
And I have brought to thee Down from my home a-
Oh, let thy life be spent, Thy years for me be



shed That thou might'st ran-somed be And quick-ened from the
throne, I left for earth-ly night, For wan-d'rings sad and
woe That an e-ter-ni-ty Of joy thou might-est
tell, Of bit-t'rest ag-o-ny, To res-cue thee from
-bove Sal-va-tion full and free, My par-don and my
giv'n, As I for thee was sent To bear thee home to



dead. I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy-self to me!
lone. I left it all for thee; Come now and fol-low me!
know. I spent long years for thee; come, spend thy years for me.
hell. I suf-fered much for thee: Come, bear thy cross with me.
love. Great gifts I brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.
heav'n. I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.

SERMON TEXT

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel

in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Grace of Giving

1. Demonstration of Unity
2. Evidence of Faith
3. Reflection of Love

Stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed with Application*

- P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God but is so ready to believe that our universe came to be by an unknown accident or by a random series of events, what do you believe?
- C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
- P: In a society that often teaches that Jesus was just a great human teacher, a wise prophet, or one of many ways to reach God, what do you believe?
- C: **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.**

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- P: While many put their trust in positions, possessions, or people, what do you believe Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?
- C: **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.**
- P: Those who refuse to trust in the Lord are without hope. What do you believe gives you hope now and for all eternity?
- C: **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 worshipped 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.**

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.

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

“God Bless Our Native Land”

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God bless our na - tive land! Firm may she ev - er stand
For her our prayers shall rise To God a - bove the skies;
Through storm and night! When the wild tem-pests rave, Ru - ler of
On him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with
wind and wave, Do thou our coun-try save By thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To thee a - loud we cry, God save the state!



Calendar

Today	9:00a Worship with Communion 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School
Tuesday	7:00p – Facility in Use
Thursday	7:00p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	9:00a Worship 10:15a Bible Study 10:15a Sunday School
Saturday	Area Co-ed Softball Tournament

Announcements

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!

COR CAMPING: There are a few camping spots available for our annual campout August 5th – 8th. Contact Seth Borchardt or Alex Mielke if you are interested.

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.

