

# Service of Prayer and Proclamation

June 21, 2020 • Third Sunday After Pentecost

Redeemer Lutheran Church-LCMS  
Charleston, WV

## PRELUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## 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; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 291*

*Brief time of silence to think on God's Word and the sin we need to confess*

**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, we poor miserable sinners, confess unto You all our sins and iniquities with which we have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But we are heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and we pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to us, poor, sinful beings.

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 291*

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 91:1–10*

He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High\*  
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.  
I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,\*  
my God, in | whom I trust.”

For he will deliver you from the snare of the | fowler\*  
and from the deadly | pestilence.

He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find | refuge,\*  
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.

You will not fear the terror | of the night,\*  
nor the arrow that | flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in | darkness,\*  
nor the destruction that wastes at | noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your | right hand,\*  
but it will not come | near you.

You will only look | with your eyes\*  
and see the recompense of the | wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\*  
no plague come | near your tent.

### THE FIRST READING

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

**P** A reading from Jeremiah, Chapter 20:

O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, “I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,”  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering.

Terror is on every side!  
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
“Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.”  
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 6:12–23*

**P** A reading from Romans, the sixth chapter.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those

things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### COLLECT FOR THE WORD

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

**P** The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ...

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### SERMON

*The Praise of a Trapped Prophet*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O merciful Father, hear Your people as they pray in the name of Jesus on behalf of all manner and conditions of people.

*Brief silence*

Faithful God, when we are fearful of our enemies and weary of the struggle, You have been our shield and our strength. Grant to us the full measure of Your grace to sustain us against all who are against us, and help us to endure the trials and temptations of this mortal life and be faithful unto death. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, with Your favor upon us, we pray You to help us in our fight against temptation and sin. Help us to live holy and righteous lives by the power of Your Spirit, and keep us from surrendering ourselves to the slavery from which Christ has set us free. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, with the witness of the saints before us and the courage of Your Holy Spirit within us, we pray You to help us to maintain the faithful confession and to contend for the faith in our own age as did those who confessed Christ at Augsburg. Give to all the churches of the Augsburg Confession unity of doctrine and harmony of life together under the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we remember those who serve us in Jesus' name. Bless the leaders of our Synod, all pastors and teachers, and all church workers, that they may be faithful in their calling and honor Christ with an obedient life. Raise up those who will follow in their steps and serve Your Kingdom in the years to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, give grace to those being baptized, to the catechumens in their instruction, and to all the places where Your people gather to learn Your Word. Equip us to live out the promise of our baptismal life under Your grace and guide us to love our neighbors as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, give healing and strength to the sick and all afflicted in body or mind, and grant to those who struggle the gift of peace of mind and heart. Hear us especially for those who have requested our prayers and those whom we name in our hearts now. Restore our nation and the world in health and livelihood and preserve us from pestilence and fear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, give courage to those near life's end and comfort those who mourn. As we recall the saints who trusted in You in life and who died in Christ, encourage us by the witness of Your grace and their faith, so that when Christ comes in His glory we may be found faithful and delivered with them into the glory of Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, by Your Word and table You continue to feed and nourish Your people with all that will sustain our lives and faith. Help us to receive these gifts with faith and with repentance. Bring us to that day when all earthly divisions will cease and, united in faith, we shall be one people before Your altar. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, sanctify us as Your people and make us bold to confess You on earth. When this earthly life is ended and we stand before You on high, grant us to hear the Savior's acknowledgment that we are His and He is ours forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Thus, we pray, giving testimony of our confidence in Your gracious favor in Christ who taught us to pray:

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩ Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## DISTRIBUTION

*By Christ Redeemed, In Christ Restored  
Under His Wings  
Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed (LSB 560)*

## TABLE THANKSGIVING

**P** Now, may this the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you in the one true faith unto life everlasting as you go in His peace and with His Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION (Aaronic)

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

*O God, My Faithful God (LSB 696)*

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## **PRAYER LIST**

**Cory Reimert** (son of Kelly and Ron Reimert) praises for successful wisdom teeth extractions

**Becky Hansen** (boss of Sarah Shaver) remains hospitalized with pain following an emergency appendectomy.

**Rick Sothen** (family friend of Kelly Gray) being assessed for a potential lung transplant.

**George Mitchell** resting at home following hospitalization for pneumonia.

**Melissa** (friend of Kelly Reimert) was to undergo heart catheterization this week.

**Melody Trierwiler** was to have medical testing earlier this week.

**Meghan and 16-year-old daughter** (friends of Sue Reed) the teen girl was recently diagnosed with several lifelong medical conditions.

**Lisa** (friend of Susan and Hutch Hutchison) whose husband passed into eternity following a battle with ALS. Lisa, who lives in Texas, will be returning to South Charleston to bury her husband John in the family plot alongside her son Matthew who died a couple of years ago.

**Gary Peters** (brother-in-law of Pastor Jack Richards) battling stage 4 prostate cancer and melanoma

**Liz Albitz, Ali, Betty and Bob, Ed & Kim Booten, Billie Brisendine, Catherine, Teresa Cisco, Linda Cooper, James Cosby, Susan and Skip Daly, Debra, Erin, Harrison and Cindy Gapter, Doris Gerke, Jim and Marlene Hanson, Jo Hartley, Jamie Holm, Roy "Hutch" Hutchison, Jack, Tom Janicki, Linda, Roy and Betty Lindmark, Marie Marcum, Jeanneane Maxon, Sandy McKinney, Bob Mitchell, Lori Nettles, Cleo North, Herb & Marian Pauley, Gary Peters, Harold Reed, Thresa Robinson, Donna Ruffatto, Stu and Marcia Schwalm, Carmella Shaver, Peggy Shell, Barbara Spence, Tina and John Thaxton, Jeff & Cara Wade, Family of Debbie Bradley Wilson, Taegan Witcher, Family of Zach**

**All diagnosed with Covid-19;**

**All diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, and their caregivers;**

**All diagnosed with any form of cancer;**

**All diagnosed with any incurable (even if treatable) disease.**

**For our congregation - that we would pursue God's will for us as His people gathered here to bring Him glory as we make disciples being help, hope, home in the body of Christ.**