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**there your heart
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OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Treasure the Greater Gifts of God’s Undeserved love!”

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: 11:00 am

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Welcome to Our Redeemer . . .

Jesus provides us with both a warning and an encouragement. He taught, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We need this lesson, because we have to understand our heart can either lead us away from our Savior, or it can become his sacred dwelling place. The latter can only happen when we honor the Lord and worship him with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our mind.

For Parents with Small Children

There is children’s service folder in the basket by the front door. Please pick one up if needed. Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall along with a television monitor to watch the service. Please go left from the church and walk to the double doors.

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music and Welcome

Opening Hymn

“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”

Christian Worship 233

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forth-tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk; he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord, our God, is good;
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

The congregation will rise

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

Invocation

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

C: And also with you.

We Acknowledge Our Sinfulness

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your
wrath. For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come
down upon me.


**C: Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my
bones have no soundness because of my sin. My guilt has
overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.**

P: O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your
faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into
judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me
quickly, O LORD; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for

I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you
I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

Congregation responds

*(the response will be played once, the congregation will
join to sing the second time it is played)*




I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I
cry a-loud to the Lord, my God. Lord, have mer- cy.

P: All my longings lie open before you, O LORD; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. For I am about to fall, and my pain is ever with me. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O LORD, do not forsake me; be not far from me, O my God. Come quickly to help me, O LORD, my Savior.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Have mercy and forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Congregation responds



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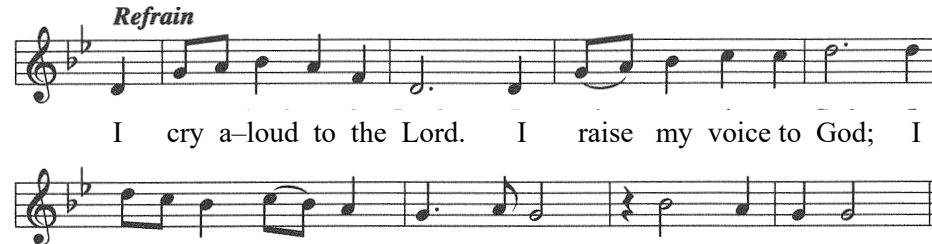
We Rejoice in our Forgiveness

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose again for us. In his great mercy God has made us alive even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Hear the gracious assurance of Christ our Savior through a servant of his Gospel: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation responds

Refrain



I cry a-loud to the Lord. I raise my voice to God; I
cried a-loud to the Lord, my God. You had mer-cy.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious Lord—Father, Son and Spirit—you are the giver of everything that is good, and everything that we need. Increase our faith to treasure all you have done for us. Send us your Holy Spirit to increase our love and gratitude. If we should ever become unthankful or unappreciative of your rich blessing, bring us before the cross of your Son. There wash away our selfishness. Forgive our sins. Purify our hearts from every evil thought and desire. Without your blessing our lives would be empty, devoid of anything good. In compassion you have responded to our every need. Continue to bless us with all we need for this life, and especially with everything we need for eternal life. In heaven, fill us with joyful thanks to stand in your presence and praise you as the God of all compassion and the God who loves us with an everlasting love.



C: A ——— men.

The Lessons from God's Word
"Give Thanks to the Lord, for he is Good!"

Old Testament

1 Kings 3:5–12

⁵The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷O LORD my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

¹⁰In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹²therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 63

Congregation sings

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

Christian Worship 446 st. 1

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, free and true.

Psalm 63:1-3

P: God, you are my God. Eagerly I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you. May flesh long for you,
in a dry and dreary land without water.
Yes, in the sanctuary I have watched you
to see your power and your glory.

Congregation sings

“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”
Christian Worship 446 st. 4

I am trusting you to guide me; you alone shall lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying all my need.

Psalm 63:4-8

P: Because your mercy is better than life,
My lips will worship you.
Yes, I will bless you as long as I live.
In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul will be satisfied with rich food.
My mouth will praise you with lips filled with songs.
Whenever I remember you on my bed,
Throughout the watches of the night I meditate on you.
Because you are a help for me,
I sing for joy under the shade of your wings.
My soul clings to you. Your right hand upholds me.

Congregation sings

“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”
Christian Worship 446 st. 6

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever and for all.

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:17–21

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the

treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

²⁰O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning away from godless, empty talk and the contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge.” ²¹By professing it, some have veered away from the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

Verse of the Day

P: The eyes of all look eagerly to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. He opens his hand, and he satisfies the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and merciful toward all that he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He grants the desire of those who fear him. He hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD. Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Alleluia



C: Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes.”

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

P: This is the Word of our God—our joy, our delight, our confidence, and our strength.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“What is the World to Me”

Christian Worship 477

What is the world to me with all its vaunted pleasure
When you, and you alone, Lord Jesus are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul’s delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me?

The world seeks to be praised and honored by the mighty,

Yet never once reflects that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize above all things is he,
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!

The world seek after wealth and all that money offers,
Yet never is content though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good; content with it I'll be;
My Jesus is my wealth — What is the world to me!

What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all, my bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!

Sermon

1 Timothy 6:17-21

“Are Your Treasures Really Trash?”

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles' Creed)

**C: 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. Amens.**

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks!

Prayer for the Church

Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(the congregation will join with the worship leader)

**C: 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.**

Hymn

**“All Depends on Our Possessing”
*Christian Worship 421***

All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me

Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

Well he knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never —
As God wills, so be it ever —
I to him commit my way.

If on earth my days he lengthens,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.

Closing Praise

P: Gracious Savior, I was glad to be here, gathered with your people to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in the path of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you.

Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise
may continue to glorify you in the world;
that the ears which have heard you speak
may be open always to your Word and
closed to hatred and discord;

that the tongues which have confessed your name
may always speak the truth without fear;
that all of us who have worshiped together today
may be united in true love for each other —
as you have loved us in Jesus.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and
give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be”
Christian Worship 469

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing

Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart—it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in name of our gracious and loving God!* May the blessing of Father, Son and Spirit, lead you to a life filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card, and visit again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service for some snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service. Pastor Schroeder will lead the Bible class. Please return to the sanctuary by 11:00 am.
- Pastor Proeber is in Arizona until Thursday late afternoon. If an emergency should arise, contact information is on the next page.

Friday—Office hours from 10:00—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Scheffler

- Mowing beginning August 6th—L. Schroeder

Sunday, August 6th—Sunday Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am. We know how the Lord provided for Elijah in a miraculous way, but there is a greater truth we learn from this lesson.

We come to know God provides everything out of his undeserved love and compassion.

- During this service we will have the opportunity to receive the body and blood of our Savior in the Lord's Supper. You may register to receive the Sacrament today.
- Christian Education will follow the service. In one of the great acts of love, God worked out our salvation from eternity to eternity. We will review the words of Paul from Ephesians 1:3-8.

Thank You

To Al Todd for serving as our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video of the live-stream; to Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in joyful thanks for all his blessings; and to Sonja Todd, Sue Proeber, and Emily Proeber for serving refreshments after the worship service.

A Special Thank You

We want to give thanks to the Lord for the service of Pastor Andy Schroeder this morning. He serves as the Campus Pastor at California Lutheran High School. He is graciously covering for Pastor Proeber while he is in Arizona.

Emergency Contact Information

While Pastor is away you may call Pastor Mike Foley of Star of Bethlehem (714.474.7023). You may also call Pastor Doug Found (805.490.0146). You may also call one of the Elders—Greg Grunewald or Josh Schueler. Pastor Proeber can be reached via his cell phone.



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