

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
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Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Key to hymnals:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn**

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW #707

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(Those who choose to may kneel.)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for † his sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.
Amen.

(Please rise.)

***Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW #172

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WORD

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”
¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

***Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, that I May Be

ELW #583

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

P: ...Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

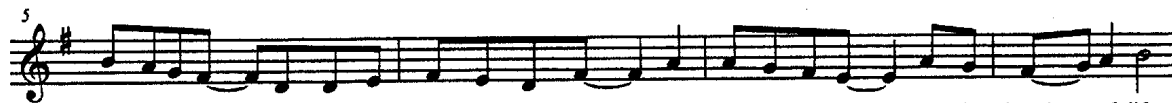
We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all u - nite them with the prayers we off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre-sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:

Sanctus

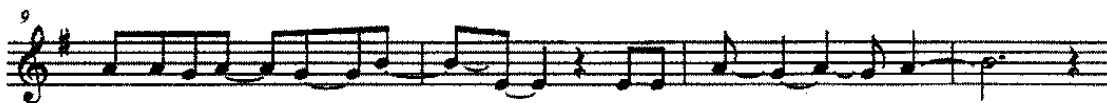
arr. Neil Gladen



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,



Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in
8 heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sins a -
15 gainst us. Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the king-dom the pow'r and the
22 glor-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Distribution

*Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn

Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand

ELW #441

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Betty Carlson

Ushers: Dale and Denice Nelson

Communion Ministers: Betty Carlson, Angie and Kylie Westling

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Phyliss Johnson, Patsy Lindquist

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Brenda Poe, Brenda Russ

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 11)

Reader: Pauline Helgeland

Ushers: John Wollenzien and Dave Ulrich

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Phyliss Johnson, Patsy Lindquist

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee

Church Offering Bank Run: Chris Burnham

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 14)

Reader: Denice Nelson

Ushers: Scott Pream and Angie Westling

Communion Ministers: Greg and Susan Brekke, Terri Cuppett

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Phyliss Johnson, Patsy Lindquist

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: Brenda Poe, Brenda Russ

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Our Mission Statement: Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

Our Staff:

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7-14, 2018

Wednesday, November 7	5:10pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	Sing & Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation
Sunday, November 11	8:15am 9:30am	Choir rehearsal Worship
Tuesday, November 13	7:00pm	Ruth Unit at Betty Carlson home Hannah Unit at Sharon Odegaard home
Wednesday, November 14	5:10pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm 7:15pm	Sing & Ring BLAST Worship with Holy Communion Choir rehearsal at Trinity Lutheran Church Confirmation

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Dee Wollenzien, Shirley Wagner, Judy Helgeland, Sandra Sunsdahl, Kip Dalen, Ione Poole, Jovie Defrang, Shelley Steva, Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given by Eric and Julie Tjelle in memory of Ole and Ann Tjelle, and by Esther Mattson and family in memory of Cliff Mattson.

Altar Guild is in need of new members due to members moving. If you're interested please contact Bev Thompson. Also in need of large yogurt containers. Lids not needed.

The Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00pm. There will not be Wednesday worship at Redeemer that evening. Please join your Lutheran brothers and sisters at Trinity as we give thanks for all blessings from God!

Joint Choir Rehearsal: The joint rehearsal for the Thanksgiving Eve choir will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, at Trinity Lutheran Church. You are invited to join the joint choir, even if you are not a part of our choir regularly!

Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee would like to invite the congregation to participate in collecting new/gently used coats, hats, mittens/gloves, boots, and socks for Franklin Middle School. The need for these items is greater than we would expect, please drop the items in one of the totes provided in the narthex between November 7th-18th.

Holiday Volunteers needed for Christmas Eve services: if you can help with any of the 3 services that we will have on Christmas Eve please sign up in the Narthex.

Church directory pictures: If you haven't submitted your picture for the church directory please do so. You can bring or email your family photo to (redeemer@mncable.net).

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcement in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

The electronic giving cards are now in the pews, so for those of you who give electronically you can now put these cards in the offering plate.

Would you like to know how much you have given in offering? Statements of giving as of June 30th are available upon request. Please contact Vanessa at the church office and request your statement. They will be mailed out at the end of July to those who request them.

Just a friendly reminder to make sure you visit our website www.redeemertrf.org, we have plenty of information on how you can volunteer, newsletters, bulletins, our different programs, and you can also donate thru our website.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Vanessa at the church office.

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Knutson or the church office.

A support group for people who are caregivers and/or family members of those with dementia/Alzheimer's will be held the third Monday of each month at the Grand Stay hotel meeting room in Thief River Falls. This caregiver support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact the facilitator Kari Jesme at 218-686-4487 or at

kari.jesme@gmail.com.

Free services for seniors wishing to remain independent: The RSVP Groceries to go and Handyman Programs are vital services for seniors 60+ wishing to remain independently in their homes. G2G Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries or assist with shopping 2-4 times per month.

Handyman volunteers assist with minor home maintenance issues. Caring volunteers are ready to help you! Contact Tammy or Jennifer at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466, or e-mail tsyles@umn.edu or jkerdman@umn.edu.

If you are struggling with grief, please check the kiosk in the Narthex for various grief support groups being offered by Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Third Quarter Financial Status

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter			
2018	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	July	August	September	Year to Date
Budget Income	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$24,678.33	\$24,678.33	\$24,678.33	\$222,104.97
Actual Income	\$54,044.08	\$57,132.80	\$18,216.20	\$16,077.05	\$16,229.44	\$161,699.57
Budget Expense	\$74,034.99	\$74,034.99	\$24,678.33	\$24,678.33	\$24,678.33	\$222,104.97
Actual Expense	\$49,600.51	\$59,828.02	\$15,152.32	\$18,562.57	\$17,863.73	\$161,007.15