

# *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*Redeemer Lutheran Church, Owosso / Faith Landing Lutheran Church, Davison*



Announcements

## **Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our failures, fears, and weaknesses to God,  
asking that we be restored to wholeness and peace.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: God, who cares for all,

**C: We confess that we have not loved you and have not cared for ourselves, our neighbors, or the earth you created. Forgive our lack of care and our failure to attend to your people and to your creation in us and around us. Take away our fear and our weakness. Make us strong witnesses in word and action to your redeeming love.**

P: Our God is merciful, slow to anger, and rich in steadfast love. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of Jesus, who has restored us to God our maker. By the power of the Holy Spirit, be renewed to wholeness of life.

**C: Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting

L: The forgiving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the creative love of our Father,  
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**



## Hymn of Praise for Pentecost

L: Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me;

**C: When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.**

L: Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;

**C: Though there's pain in the offering blessed be Your name.**

L: Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise;

**C: When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:**

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

**C: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.**

## Scripture Lessons

### **Philippians 1:20-21, 27-30**

20 It is my eager expectation and hope that

I will not be put to shame in any way,  
but that by my speaking with all boldness,  
Christ will be exalted now as always in my body,  
whether by life or by death.

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

27 Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,  
so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you,  
I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit,  
striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel,

28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction,  
but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

- 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only  
of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—  
30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw  
I had and now hear that I still have.

### **The Gospel Reading for this Season of Pentecost**

**L:** This is the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **O Lord, open our ears to hear, and open our minds to understand ,  
your Holy Word.**

### **Matthew 20:1-16**

- 1 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went  
out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2 After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage,  
he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 When he went out about nine o'clock,  
he saw others standing idle in the market-place;
- 4 and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard,  
and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.
- 5 When he went out again about noon and  
about three o'clock, he did the same.
- 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around;  
and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"
- 7 They said to him, "Because no one has hired us."  
He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."
- 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,  
"Call the laborers and give them their pay,  
beginning with the last and then going to the first."



- 9 When those hired about five o'clock came,  
each of them received the usual daily wage.
- 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more;  
but each of them also received the usual daily wage.
- 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,  
12 saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them



Thank you, Father, for calling us early, midday, and late in life, to be your disciples and workers in your Kingdom's vineyard! Thank you for seeking us to do your work, even when nobody else thinks we're good enough to amount to anything. Give us grace to hear your call, and strength to do your will. Thank you for the wages of everlasting life and salvation, of grace and wisdom, and for your pleasure in us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make the Church that place where all may see the fair beauty of Jesus; find shelter in his widespread arms; grow in faith and joy; and labor fruitfully to his glory and for the benefit of others.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers around the world, especially in North Korea, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, and Nigeria. Give them courage to honor Christ in their body; to speak and live the Gospel with boldness and joy; and to know that they are participating in the suffering of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Help the people of this congregation to stand firm together, of one spirit, striving to proclaim the Gospel by words and deeds. Make us willing to work at whatever task pleases you and draws others closer to you. Make us glad when latecomers join us in our labors, and help us not to be jealous of any blessing that you show them. Guide us to become true brothers and sisters in Christ, knowing that your grace has drawn them to serve you, even as it drew us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our young people, especially those considering a vocation to ministry and service in your Church. Give them delight in learning, and love for your people. Preserve them from the consequences of folly or malice. Use their energy to please you and to serve their neighbor.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to our earthly leaders. Let them seek you while you may be found; call upon you while you are near; and govern in accordance with your holy will. Help our politically divided country. Graciously grant patience, kindness, and humility to everyone, so that we may lead peaceable lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the safe shelter and solid rock to everyone in times of trouble, and especially.... Lift them high above the things that assail them; and be the strength of their life. Give patience and compassion to all who care for them, especially those whose work is long, hard, and thankless. Restore them to the joy of fellowship with those who love them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Father, for those we love who have departed this life and are now with Christ. Though we grieve, we also rejoice; for we know that “to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” Give us strength to labor cheerfully in the vineyards of goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and righteousness. Make us as generous to others with those things as Jesus is to us. Bring us all together, and let us all see him face to face, embraced in his love forever.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Conform our prayers to the heart of Jesus, hear them through the interceding of your Holy Spirit, and grant them in accordance with your gracious will. **Amen.**

*(People not feeling comfortable with taking Communion at this time may leave the sanctuary after being dismissed by an usher. Those at home are free to call Pastor George during the week to arrange a time for private communion for your household at the church, or at your home.)*

### **Holy Communion**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

P: We have come again to our Lord’s Table to taste New Life. It is Jesus Christ, your Risen Lord and Savior who now calls you to meet him at his table of grace.

C: Feed us with your Heavenly food, Lord Jesus. You are the bread of life; you are the cup of salvation. It is for you we hunger and thirst.



## **The Words of the Institution for Holy Communion**

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: This is the victory feast of our God!

C: This is the feast of the Lamb. He was sacrificed for all sin; for my sin.

P: Glory to you, O Lord, whose blood was shed, and whose body was given. As you once revealed yourself to your disciples:

C: Reveal your love to us, O Lord, in the giving of the bread and wine, in the giving of your body and blood.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who 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.**



*(Be seated for the distribution of Holy Communion. An usher will dismiss pews to come forward for Communion. After you receive Communion you may exit the sanctuary by a side isle, or return to your seat.)*

*(Service continues....)*

### **Benediction**

L: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body  
be kept holy at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen!**

### **Dismissal**

L: God's Holy Word is given to us!

**C: God's Holy Spirit enters within us!**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

