

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 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 created image within 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 sin 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 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.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.



Hymn of Praise for Pentecost

L: You bless us with the fullness of hope and love.

C: For your holy goodness, we praise your holy name.

L: You fill us with the richness of your Word.

C: We praise you for the wisdom of your love and grace.

L: You renew and transform our hearts and minds.

C: We praise you for the wisdom of your love and grace.

L: You help us to do your good and perfect will.

C: For the Spirit of Jesus, we praise your holy name.

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 26:1-3 and 9-12

- 1 Vindicate me, O Lord,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.
- 2 Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and mind.
- 3 For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
- 10 those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Romans 12:9-21

- 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.
- 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
- 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'
- 20 No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.'
- 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel Reading for this Season of Pentecost

L: This is the Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

Matthew 16:21-27

- 21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
- 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'
- 23 But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'
- 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
- 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
- 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
- 27 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.



L: This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to our God, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bell Choir Offering

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Message

The Apostles' Creed

**God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



He will come again 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Heavenly Father, thank you for Peter! Last week we thanked you for his witness. Today we thank you – not that he stumbled, but that even as Jesus rebuked Peter, he still loved and forgave him. Lord, we know, because you care for us, you will rebuke us, sometimes sharply. Please rebuke us, and set us straight when we are a stumbling block and unwitting agent of Satan. Give us grace to repent and humbly take up our cross again, following Jesus alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that your Church never be a hindrance to your Son nor a stumbling-block to those whom he came to save. Center our lives and proclamation in the Cross of Jesus. Cause us to follow wherever Jesus leads, even to persecution. By our witness and example, draw many hearts to repentant faith in Christ, and to the desire to overcome the world's evil with his good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ whose cross-bearing is no figure of speech but the reality of their lives. Let them not be overcome by evil; and keep them steadfast in their faith. Give us the desire and the opportunity to speak in their defense, pray on their behalf, and provide for their needs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to abhor evil and hold fast to the good. Teach us to love and honor each other. Let us serve you fervently. Make us joyous in hope, patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer. Give us grace to bless even our persecutors. Teach us to live in harmony, and to not be wise in our own sight. Give us grace to repay no one evil for evil; to do what is honorable; and, so far as it depends on us, to live peaceably with all. And grant that we are not overcome by evil, but that in Christ, we overcome evil with good.

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

Keep in your dearest care all victims of violence and injustice, especially when evil has been done to them in the name of religion. Stir up all your true servants to give them aid, comfort and shelter; for you are glorified by deeds of goodness, mercy, hospitality, and

peace, not by acts of cruelty, violence or hatred. And fulfill your promise to deliver them from the hands of the wicked. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Give integrity, wisdom, and humility to those entrusted with power and the authority over communities, corporations, and nations. Help them to do what is honorable, just, and generous. Help everyone to find honorable employment, and the means to support themselves and their loved ones. And help our society to provide just and timely assistance when people cannot work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deal mercifully with all whose lives are shadowed by suffering, sorrow, or any kind of adversity. Especially we pray for.... Have pity on them and redeem them; turn their sorrow into gladness, and their pain into shouts of thanksgiving. Give them gentle, wise, and compassionate caregivers, and reunite them with all who love them.

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

Father, receive our beloved dead into your never-failing embrace. Help us to love each other with true affection; and to cling to Jesus and his Cross. Lead us into your promised Kingdom which you have prepared for all whom you have delivered from the power of sin and death. And there let us bless you and live together in your peace forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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.**

Benediction

L: Strive for the righteous reign of God,
and may the blessings of his Spirit strengthen you.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

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.

