

REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday After Trinity

A photograph of a brown hen with two small chicks perched on a dark wooden fence. The hen is in the center, facing left, with her wings slightly spread. Two chicks are positioned in front of her, one on the left and one on the right, both also facing left. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting foliage.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I wanted
to gather your children together,
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,
but you were not willing!
Matthew 23:37



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 23:37 ³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Prayer: O Lord Almighty, how unsearchable are Your judgments and Your ways past finding out. In Your mercy, You were patient with Your people. Though they had killed Your prophets You, You stayed Your judgment so that they might yet repent. Lord, Your judgments are just for we are sinners, deserving of Your punishment. Yet, You have shown mercy towards us. As Your people, keep us from rejecting You and the grace that You bestowed on us. Let us never grow weary of Your love and forgiveness for all the times we have rebelled against You. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

WS 744 How Great Thou Art

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest *Luke 2:14, John 1:29*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray... O God--who demonstrates unlimited power by showing mercy--please give us Your gifts of grace so that Your will may direct the course of our lives and Your forgiveness sustain us. Your gracious promises await us at the finish, and Your heavenly treasures will be our prize; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
C Amen.

OT Lesson Jeremiah 7:1-11 The Danger of Final Unbelief

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ² "Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, all *you of* Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD!'" ³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ⁴ "Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD *are* these.' ⁵ "For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, ⁶ "if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, ⁷ "then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. ⁸ "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. ⁹ "Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, ¹⁰ "and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'? ¹¹ "Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*," says the LORD.

Responsive Reading Psalm 5 [Selected Verses]

- P** Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning.
C Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.
P O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;
C In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.
P For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You.
C But I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.
P Let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy;
C Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

Epistle Lesson: Acts 20:17-38 – Faithfulness of Christian Life

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸ And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know,

from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, ¹⁹ "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; ²⁰ "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, ²³ "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. ²⁴ "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. ²⁶ "Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. ³¹ "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. ³² "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ "Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. ³⁵ "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" ³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him, ³⁸ sorrowing most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Reception of Rebecca Pella into Membership

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 473 The Church's One Foundation

Sermon

Matthew 23:34-39

³⁴ "Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, ³⁵ "that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ "Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. ³⁷ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸ "See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹ "for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Jerusalem: A Signal Warning for All Who Are in the Kingdom.

Offertory:

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 315 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table vs 1-4,15

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

☐ The Lord be with you.

☩ And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

☐ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. . .Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Words of Institution

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; 1 Cor.11:23-25

Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

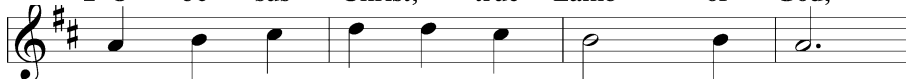
C Amen

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



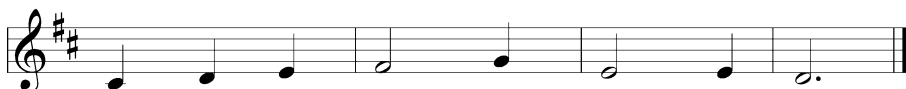
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Communion Note:

The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. For that reason, we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation, speak with the pastor or one of the Elders before coming to the Lord's Table. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God. This is by no means a judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-25

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 54 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Convention Proceedings:** The Proceedings have arrived and can be made available to anyone who would like a copy. Please let me know.
- **Fall Schedule:** Sunday, September 13th we will return to our Fall Schedule. The service time remains at 9am, but Bible Class begins at 8am. We will continue our study of Paul's first missionary journey.

Call News:

- Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia ***is considering the call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD and to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy West Columbia, SC, ***is considering the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel III ***has returned the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***is considering the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul's Lutheran in Bismark, ND ***is considering the call*** to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, August 16th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, August 23rd Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, August 30th Redemption Sunday Service at 9