

REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Rest *for the* Weary

Come to me, all you who
are weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28, NIV





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Pre-Service Meditation:

Matthew 11:28-29a ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me...

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, I confess that I do not prioritize my spiritual rest. I seek rest from the pleasure of worldly things. These last for a moment, but the rest that You offer in Your Word endures forever. O Lord Savior, lead me heart to answer Your call to rest. Let me cast all my burdens and cares upon Your shoulders, for You are strong to carry their weight. Jesus, You have carried my sin on the cross, and now, there is nothing in heaven or on earth that You withhold from me to help me. Forever be my refuge, my rest throughout this earthly life. Your cross, Your Word, Your Spirit, they sustain me until life everlasting. In Your saving name I pray, even as You live and reign together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

TLH 613 Jerusalem the Golden

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit:

Psalm 86

P Be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I cry unto You daily. For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive: and plenteous in mercy to all those that call upon You. Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may be enabled to bring forth fruits of faith according to Your will and Word, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Job 5:17-26 – Help in Tribulation

¹⁷ "Behold, happy *is* the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. ¹⁸ For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole. ¹⁹ He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. ²⁰ In famine He shall redeem you from death, And in war from the power of the sword. ²¹ You

shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, And you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes.²² You shall laugh at destruction and famine, And you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth.²³ For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field, And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you.²⁴ You shall know that your tent *is* in peace; You shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss.²⁵ You shall also know that your descendants *shall be* many, And your offspring like the grass of the earth.²⁶ You shall come to the grave at a full age, As a sheaf of grain ripens in its season.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 34 Praise for God's Deliverance

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C** **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
- C** **I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**
- P** Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- C** **The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- C** **Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-24 – Heavenly Blessings

¹⁸For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow."²¹ And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of

angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And 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. Amen.**

Hymn:

TLH 277 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sermon

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

When Will We Find Rest for Our Souls?

- 1. When we seek it in the Father's revelation**
- 2. When we seek it in Jesus' redemption**
- 3. When we seek it under the Savior's yoke**

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 276 Come Unto Me Ye Weary**

Offering of Thankful Hearts – Organ Interlude: Beautiful Savior

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**

Benediction:

☩: Amen.

Hymn: **LSB 763 When Peace Like a River**

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:

- **Thank You:** Thank you for responding to the cross survey on such short notice. Your participation is very important as it shows a congregation-wide care for your church!
- **Stonework:** Please take some time after church today to look at the stonework that has been completed on the back of church. The plan is to finish the stonework on the front of church, add the brackets for the cross, then after a short break, begin the glass construction on the back of church. Many thanks to Tom for staying on site to help with the construction, and to Jerry for setting up the scaffolding and prepping the front side!
- **Nepal Disaster Relief:** The CLC has approved a Disaster Relief Grant to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal (HCLCN) following the severe flooding. Donations can be made to Kinship "Special Offerings (Relief Aid)" www.lutheranmissions.org/kinship or through your local congregation.

Call News:

- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD *is considering the call* to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN
- Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX *is considering the call* to Gift of God Lutheran in Mapleton, ND
- Pastor Glenn Oster of Gift of God Lutheran, Fairfax, VA, *has returned the call* to Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN *has received the call* to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, September 27th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, October 4th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, October 11th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

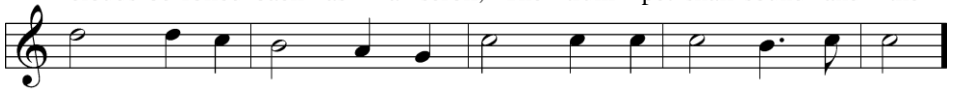
763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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