

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

NOTE: Offerings will not be received by passing the plate. For now, please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located at each exit.

Face masks are used to protect those around you.

Please respect social distancing of six (6) feet and no handshaking. Family groups are welcome to sit together. Please sit in designated pews only for bible class and worship.

Please feel free to use the restrooms, one person at a time, and before you leave please use the sanitizing product to wipe down areas used.

Please hum, sing silently, or sing quietly with face lowered as the organist plays the hymns. This protects those in front of you.

Prelude

Invocation Greeting

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“We All Believe in One True God” – LSB #953

**Confession and Absolution
(Kneel in silent meditation)**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us of all our sins.

All: We confess that we are poor miserable sinners and confess all our sins and iniquities. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. We have not loved you, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings of your beloved Son Jesus Christ to have mercy on us and forgive us poor sinful beings.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Congregational Prayers

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

The First Lesson is from Ezekiel 18: 1-4 (NIV)

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴ For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson is from Philippians 2:1-18 (ETRV)

¹ Think about what we have in Christ: the encouragement he has brought us, the comfort of his love, our sharing in his Spirit, and the mercy and kindness he has shown us. If you enjoy these blessings, ² then do what will make my joy complete: Agree with each other, and show your love for each other. Be united in your goals and in the way you think. ³ In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. ⁴ Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too. ⁵ In your life together, think the way Christ Jesus thought. ⁶ He was like God in every way, but he did not think that his being equal with God was something to use for his own benefit. ⁷ Instead, he gave up everything, even his place with God. He accepted

the role of a servant, appearing in human form. During his life as a man, ⁸ he humbled himself by being fully obedient to God, even when that caused his death—death on a cross. ⁹ So God raised him up to the most important place and gave him the name that is greater than any other name. ¹⁰ God did this so that every person will bow down to honor the name of Jesus. Everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow. ¹¹ They will all confess, “Jesus Christ is Lord,” and this will bring glory to God the Father. ¹² My dear friends, you always obeyed what you were taught. Just as you obeyed when I was with you, it is even more important for you to obey now that I am not there. So you must continue to live in a way that gives meaning to your salvation. Do this with fear and respect for God. ¹³ Yes, it is God who is working in you. He helps you want to do what pleases him, and he gives you the power to do it. ¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing ¹⁵ so that you will be blameless and pure, children of God without any fault. But you are living with evil people all around you, who have lost their sense of what is right. Among those people you shine like lights in a dark world, ¹⁶ and you offer them the teaching that gives life. So I can be proud of you when Christ comes again. You will show that my work was not wasted—that I ran in the race and won. ¹⁷ Your faith makes you give your lives as a sacrifice in serving God. Maybe I will have to offer my own life with your sacrifice. But if that happens, I will be glad, and I will share my joy with all of you. ¹⁸ You also should be glad and share your joy with me.

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel is from Matthew 21:23-27 (NIV)

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"
²⁴ Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'From men'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

Pastor: This is the gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hymn

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" – (Insert)

Sermon

"A Pentecost Journey: Getting In Shape"

The Creed

All: 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 the 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 on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe 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.

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord, because by the Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth, and give us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations, and to serve you as a royal priesthood. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise your glorious name evermore saying;

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Words of Institution

Congregation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said,

Pastor: Take and eat; this is † my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Congregation: In the same way he took the cup, after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

Pastor: Drink of it, all of you; this is † my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

After the communion hymn the usher will line you up in single file socially distanced in the center aisle. When you come forward to the table set up on the floor level there is a cup with the wafer alongside. Pastor will prompt you for each element. After consuming, please return down the side aisle(s).

Pre-Communion Hymn

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” – LSB #955

Distribution

During the distribution appropriate music will be played by the organist.

Blessing

All: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O Sing to the Lord” – LSB #808

(NOTE: The ETRV, or Easy-to-Read Version, is an English translation of the Bible compiled by the World Bible Translation Center. It was originally published as the English Version for the Deaf by BakerBooks. Deaf readers sometimes struggle with reading English because sign language is their first language.)

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