

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**November 8, 2020  
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost  
Corporate Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291**

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**

### **The Opening Hymn:**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” - LSB #802

### **Invocation Litany: Pg. 290**

### **The Readings:**

### **The Old Testament Reading is from Amos 5:6-7, 14-15**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup> You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.

<sup>14</sup> Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

### **The Epistle Reading is from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**The Gospel Reading is from Matthew 25:1-13**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to You, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup> "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' <sup>12</sup> "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' <sup>13</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Message Hymn:**

"This is the Feast" - LSB Pg. 171

## **The Message:**

"A Pentecost Journey of Readiness, Part I"

## **Congregational Prayers**

### **The 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

### **The Confessional Address with Words of Institution, followed by Confession and Absolution: Pgs. 290-291**

### **Holy Communion:**

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.

### **The Blessing: Pg. 291**

### **The Closing Hymn:**

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" - LSB #490