

**Redeemer Lutheran Church  
San Antonio, Texas**

**July 09, 2023  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Litany: Pages 288-289**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex.

We offer large print copies of the liturgy, and for Holy Communion we offer gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white grape juice.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship.

**Prelude**

**The Opening Hymn:**

“Jesus Shall Reign” – LSB # 832

**The Collect of the Day:**

**The Litany:** Pgs. 288-289

(**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy,)

(**Congregation:** Hear our prayer.)

**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 First Reading:** Zechariah 8:14-23

<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts: “As I purposed to bring disaster to you when your fathers provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the LORD of hosts, <sup>15</sup> so again have I purposed in these days to bring good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear not. <sup>16</sup> These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace; <sup>17</sup> do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD.”

<sup>18</sup> And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, <sup>19</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month and the fast of the fifth and the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah seasons of joy and gladness and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace. <sup>20</sup> “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities.

<sup>21</sup> The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going.’ <sup>22</sup> Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD.

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**The Second Reading:** Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**The Holy Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

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

**The Hymn of Response:**

“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” – LSB # 684

**The Holy Supper:**

“The Message of Deliverance; the fulfilled Communion in Christ, our burden bearer”

**The Words of Institution:** (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11: 23-26)

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **The Pre-Communion Hymn:**

“Splendor and Honor” – LSB # 950

### **The Receiving of the Sacrament:**

Please come up single file, socially distanced, in the center aisle. Pastor will distribute both the bread and wine, prompting you for each element. We have gluten-free wafers available, and we have non-alcoholic white grape juice in the center of the tray. After you are dismissed, please return down the side aisle(s).

### **Benediction:**

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; may the light of his presence be your guide: May he guard you and uphold you; may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you; when you wake may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days. Then in heaven may you see his face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; keep you

safe as you journey on your way: May he lead you and inspire you as he grants you the gift of each new day.

May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them; Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door: In the name of his Son our Saviour Christ. May God bless you now and evermore. Amen.

(John Rutter - A Clare Benediction)

**The Closing Hymn:**

“Hark the Glad Sound” – LSB # 349

**Announcements:**

**Postlude**

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