

Redeemer Lutheran Church San Antonio, Texas

September 8, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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. 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:

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” – LSB # 545

Confession and Forgiveness

People: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Awake, alive, aware, able; present to hear, present to know, present to share, present to care. Lord, be among us; move through us, stimulate us, remind us of Your love, Your Son, Your promise, Your deliverance, Your coming, Your stirring among us. Amen.

Lay Leader: “... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”
(Romans 3:23-25).

Lay Leader: “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no

darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:5-10).

People: I am a sinner. I have sinned. I am sinning. I have a sin nature. I make choices and I sin by my evil thoughts, my evil words, and my evil actions. I have no excuse. I cannot blame anyone else. “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” (Psalm 51:1-12).

Lay Leader: “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person

one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (**Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17**) Go in peace, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

⁴ “Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10

¹ “My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you

say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,”⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court?⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading: Mark 8:1-21

¹ In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them,² “I have compassion for the crowd because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat.³ If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way — and some of them have come from a great distance.”⁴ His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?”⁵ He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.”⁶ Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground, and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke

them and gave them to his disciples to distribute, and they distributed them to the crowd. ⁷ They had also a few small fish, and after blessing them he ordered that these, too, should be distributed. ⁸ They ate and were filled, and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. ¹⁰ And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha. ¹¹ The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. ¹² And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.” ¹³ And he left them, and getting into the boat again he went across to the other side. ¹⁴ Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵ And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out — beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” ¹⁶ They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” ¹⁷ And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸ Do you have eyes and fail to see? Do you have ears and fail to hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.” ²⁰ “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” ²¹ Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

Lector: This is the saving word of Jesus

People: Praise be to You, O Christ

Message Hymn:

“O Son of God, in Galilee” – LSB # 841

Message of the Day:

Congregational Prayers followed by the Lord’s Prayer

In this moment of silence, we bring our prayers to the Lord.

Lay Leader: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray together;

People: 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

Lay Leader: “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”
(Jude 1)

The Closing Hymn:

“Jesus Shall Reign” – LSB # 832

Announcements:

Postlude

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