

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Responsive Prayer 2: Pg. 285-287**

NOTES: Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plate located by the narthex. Offerings will not be collected by passing plates, they will be brought forward before singing the message hymn. There is no specified seating. We offer large print copies of the liturgy. Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion.

Prelude

Opening Versicles: Pg. 285

The Readings:

The First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You O, Christ.

The Hymn:

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” – LSB # 826

The Kyrie: Pg. 285

The Lord’s Prayer: Pg. 285

The Apostle's Creed: Pg. 286

Presentation of Offering

The Message Hymn:

“Lord of All Hopefulness” – LSB # 738

The Message:

Versicles: Pg. 286

Collect of the Day:

Prayer of the Church:

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

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

Luther's Morning Prayer: Pg. 287

Benedicamus and Blessing: Pg. 287

The Closing Hymn:

“Hark, The Voice of Jesus Calling” – LSB # 827

Announcements:

Postlude

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