**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Prospect Heights, IL**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 14, 2020**

**AS WE GATHER**

We begin the long, green season of Sundays after Pentecost by acknowledging the apostolic ministry whereby the authoritative Word of God is delivered to the world. Fundamental to faith in the Word is the understanding of our sin and the love of God for all. Through the apostle Paul, we are given this understanding—sin is an inherited disease from which no one is exempt as descendants of Adam. Even greater, however, is to understand and believe that forgiveness of sin and eternal life come to all who hear and believe the Gospel call to repentance. By Baptism we receive forgiveness and the righteousness of Christ our Savior. God’s Word continue to be proclaimed to this day. Thank God for the ministry and His ministers who open to us the way of saving faith.

**HYMN** : “**The Church's One Foundation”** *LSB 644*

1 The Church’s one foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
 By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
 To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
 And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation,  
 Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
 Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
 With ev’ry grace endued.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
 And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
 Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
 Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
 With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!  
 Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
 May see You face to face.

**INVOCATON**

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

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *LSB 482:1*

Pastor: This joyful Eastertide  
Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
Has sprung to life this morrow.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
Baptized into Christ we have put on Christ.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 482 refrain*

Pastor: Even so, even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

**People: Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But now has Christ arisen!  
  
As Your baptized people, Lord, forgive us, renew us, and preserve us in Easter joy.**

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

**People: Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray, Almighty… through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 19:2–8* (At Mount Sinai)

2They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, 3while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 4You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

7So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. 8All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 5:6–15*  (Reconciled through Christ)

6For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

12Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— 13for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. 14Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

15But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 9:35–10:8 (9–20)* (Jesus sends out the Twelve.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

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

35And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

1And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. 2The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

5These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**: **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”** *LSB 790*

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
 Let all who hear  
 Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
 Have you not seen  
 All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
 What need or grief  
 Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
 Ponder anew  
 What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
 Let the Amen  
 Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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**SERMON**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

**People: 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 His 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*After each petition the following is spoken…*

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayer concludes…*

Pastor: …through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth….To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness…through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** *LSB 525*

1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
 The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns  
 All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
 Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
 Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin’s Son,  
 The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
 Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
 Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
 The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
 Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
 In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
 Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes  
 At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
 Who triumphed o’er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
 For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
 Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
 And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav’n,  
 Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv’n  
 The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
 As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
 For He is king of all.

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