

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, E.L.C.A.**

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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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*Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning,  
and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.*



**WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us  
and calls us, who unites us and sends us.      **C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN ELW No. 532      "Gather Us In"**

Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this place our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

P: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS.

### NOW THE FEAST

#### Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and celebra-tion,  
all of cre-a-tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-  
er - more!

#### Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u-  
nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of  
God.

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and  
might, all hon-or and glo-ry to Christ  
for ev-er.

#### Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo-ple of God; to make  
all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All:** Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING from Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

**<sup>2</sup>Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**<sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## SECOND READING from Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"

The image shows a musical score for a congregational acclamation. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we'. The second staff continues with 'go? You have the words of e - ter - nal'. The third staff is labeled 'Optional Repeat' and contains the lyrics 'life, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a congregation.

## GOSPEL READING from Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

## MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 717 “Let Justice Flow like Streams”**

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED -**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **BLESSING**

### **\* SENDING HYMN ELW NO. 726 “Light Dawns on a Weary World”**

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

#### Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. R

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. R

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go, serve the Lord, and may his peace be with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD**