

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

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**The 21<sup>st</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. 665      "Rise, Shine, You People! "**

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us,  
by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See, how he sends the powers of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and  
women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the  
world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit  
calls from every nation God's new creation.

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. *to Refrain*

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. *to Refrain*

#### Verse 3

Congregation:

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**All:** O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING from Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

## Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. R**

## SECOND READING from 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

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 concludes with "life, Al - le - lu - ia!" and is marked "Optional Repeat" with a double bar line and repeat sign.

## GOSPEL READING from Matthew 22: 34-46

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

## MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 785 "When Peace like a River"

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. R

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! R

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. R

### **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**

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

#### **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.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **BLESSING**

#### **\* SENDING HYMN *ELW* NO. 538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"**

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

#### **SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD**