

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

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**The 23<sup>rd</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. . 819 “Come, All You People”**

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High/// Come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior/// Come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit/// Come now and worship the Lord.

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 cel - e - bra - 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:** O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## FIRST READING from Amos 5: 18-24

L: The Word of the Lord                      C: Thanks be to God

### Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

**O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;

**let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me

**turn back because of their shame.**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

**let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the Lord!”**

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

**You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.**

## SECOND READING from 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

L: The Word of the Lord                      C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - “Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord To Whom Shall We Go”

The musical score is written for a congregation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The final measure of the third staff is marked 'Optional Repeat'.

## GOSPEL READING from Matthew 25: 13-18

P: The gospel of the Lord    C: Praise to you, O Christ

## MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

### HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 710 “Let Streams of Living Justice”

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom’s light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry’s hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow’r; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people’s hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way the path untried; your truth the heart of stranger; your life the Crucified.

### **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**

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

#### **BLESSING**

#### **\* SENDING HYMN *ELW* NO. 537 "On Our Way Rejoicing"**

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without our safety; Christ within our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move, hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing; unto God the Savior thankful heart we bring; unto God the Spirit bow we and adore on our way rejoicing now and evermore. R

#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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