

**REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Dates to remember:**

Sept. 18~ The Women's group Winter Wonderland Christmas Sale  
Sept. 21~ Council meeting 7pm



*Altar flowers  
are given in celebration of  
Natalie (French) Connolly's  
birthday!*

Today, please welcome Jace James Carver, his parents Tiffany & Joshua Carver, family & friends on the event of Jace's baptism. His sponsors are Blaine Litoborski and Kyrstin Litoborski.

**Communion Song:** "Lamb Of God" Blue book #621

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Blessing after Communion*

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Communion*

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Sending Hymn:** "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" Red book #721

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

*"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"*

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As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Prelude: "Say the Name"

Welcome  
*(Please stand as able)*

*Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

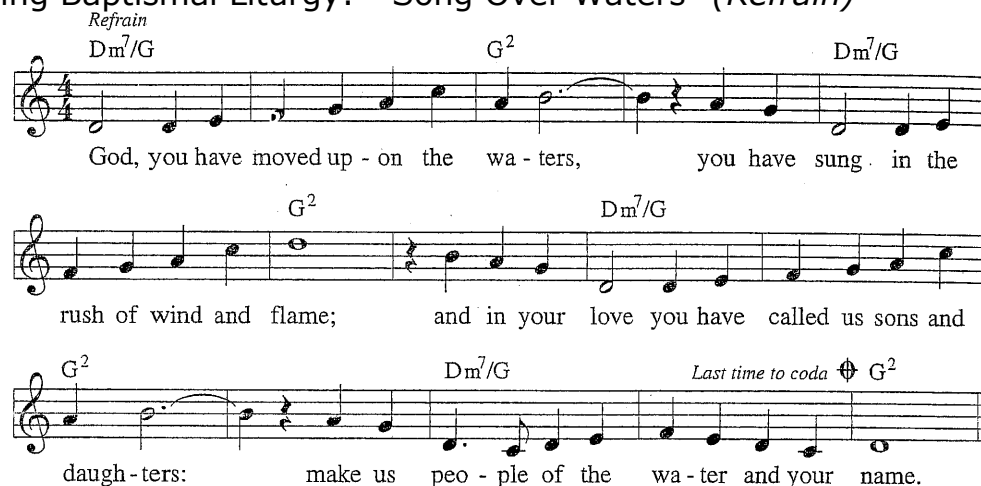
**C: Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace:*

*"During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you"*

**Gathering Song: "Borning Cry" Red book #732**  
 Opening Baptismal Liturgy: "Song Over Waters" (Refrain)

*Refrain*



God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the  
 rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and  
 daugh - ters: make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Cantor: Come fill our waiting hearts with the spirit of Jesus, let us shine with your light and peace. **All: Song over the Waters refrain**

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

**All: Amen**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

*Blessing of the Water*

Pastor: Dear friends, this water will be used to remind us of our baptism.  
 Let us ask God to bless it, and to keep us faithful to the Spirit  
 He has given us. God our Father...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: We ask you now to...

Cantor: Praise to you, O God! **All: Praise to you, O God!**

Pastor: Renew the living spring...**All: Amen**

Cantor: Waters of the sea, waters of the earth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the skies, waters of our birth **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Rivers of the earth, gentle flowing streams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Spirit of our hopes, spirit of our dreams **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters of the clouds, waters of the wind **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Waters that will be, waters that have been **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Mighty blowing storms, gentle falling rains **All: Renew us!**

Cantor: Water for the vine, water for the grain **All: Renew us!**

(Please stand as able)

**Offertory Prayer**

**C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
 hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Words of Institution*

**Lord's Prayer: To Be Spoken**

**C: 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.**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

*Distribution of Holy Communion*

**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**

*(Please be seated)*

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (*especially Dag Hammarskjöld*) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (*local outreach may be named*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Cantor: You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hopeless, come  
And fill us with light and peace.

**All: Song Over the Waters Refrain**

*Holy Baptism of Jace James Carver*

*Red Book Page 227*

*(or follow along on hand out)*

***The Prayer of the Day***

**C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*The first reading is from the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Amos*

*First Reading: Amos 8:4-7*

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**

**"Jesus Loves Me"**

**Red book #595**

*The second reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of 1 Timothy*

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as able)*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia alleluia.**

Blue book #610

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any

longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

### **P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

*Sermon*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Sermon Hymn:**

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**Red book #836**

### **Apostle’s Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**