

REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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LECTOR

9:30am

Dorothy Kropack



*Are given by Jim & Sophie Mueller
for blessings received*



Put on your calendar:

September 19~ 45+5 begins

22~ Church council 7pm

23~ Redeemers Connected in home at the Nowlans 7pm

28~ Book Club 7pm at home of Linda McHugh

Invitation to Holy Communion

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

(Please remain standing)

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song: **“Lamb Of God”** **Blue book page 39**

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, 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: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our
faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

P: People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: **“I Will Call Upon the Lord”**

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord.

**The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

Announcements & Sharing

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”

Sept. 19, 2021

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Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over
which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve.
Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are
called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in
daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Prelude:

Welcome

(Please stand as able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose
presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

**C: God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon
abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice
and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free
us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace
in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the
forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Gathering Song: **“Everything I Am”**
Ev’rything I am, ev’rything I have, ev’rything I can, I bring to You.
For You alone are worthy, so I come to give You praise,
and ev’rything I am I bring to You.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

Blue book page 28

Leader: Lord have mercy	All: Lord have mercy
Leader: Christ have mercy	All: Christ have mercy
Leader: Lord have mercy	All: Lord have mercy
(Repeat)	

Hymn of Praise: **“Glory to God”** **Blue book page 29**

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

- 1) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain.
- 2) Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Refrain.
- 3) For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain.

The Prayer of the Day

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Offertory Prayer

C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please stand as able)

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.

It is indeed right our duty and joywe praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed 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 Sung

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow’r and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The First Reading is from the 11th Chapter of Jeremiah

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song:

"White as Snow"

White as snow, white as snow

Though my sins were as scarlet

Lord I know, Lord I know That I'm clean and forgiven

Through the power of your blood Through the wonder of your love

Through faith in you I know that I can be White as Snow

The Second Reading is from the 3rd Chapter of James

Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and

selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.
(Please stand as able)

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
Alleluia, You have the words of eternal life
Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on

the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
(Please be seated)

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn:

"All Are Welcome"

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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.

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)