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HYMN #791, #782, #732, #730, #861

△ = please rise

†PREPARATION†

△ INVOCATION

△ CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF GRACE (right column) **LSB P 184**†SERVICE OF THE WORD†*Please be seated***ENTRANCE HYMN “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” #791**△ **GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE & GLORIA IN EXCELSIS P 186**△ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY P 189****P:** *The Lord be with you.* **C:** ♪**And with your Spirit.** ♪*Let us pray: “O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever; C: ♪ Amen. ♪**Please be seated***Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26 (NKJV)***“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher;**“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”*

I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity.

Nothing is better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who* is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C:** **Thanks be to God!**

GRADUAL FOR Apostles-tide: (*Romans 10:15b, 18b, Isaiah 52:7b*)



How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the | gospel, *
who announce peace, and bring good news of sal- | vation.
Their voice has gone out into | all the earth,*
and their words to the end | of the world.

Epistle: *Colossians 3:1-11* (NKJV)

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

P: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **C:** **Thanks be to God**

△ ALLELUIA VERSE (*Colossians 3:23-24a*) Alle- | luia; Alle- | luia.

Whatever you do, do your work from the soul as for the Lord and | not for
men,* knowing that from the Lord you receive the reward of the inheritance.
Alle- | luia.

P: *The Holy Gospel according to...* **C:** ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** ♪

△ HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:13-21* (NKJV)

Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry." ' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

"So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C:** ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** ♪

△ **NICENE CREED** **P 191**

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" #782

SERMON Pastor Paul Ernewein

△OFFERTORY “Create in me” P 192-193

OFFERINGS COLLECTED

△PRAYER OF THE CHURCH P: *Lord, in Your mercy:* C: **Hear our prayer.**

†SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION†

△PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE FOR APOSTLES P 194

△SANCTUS “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” P 195

△LORD’S PRAYER P 196

△VERBA & PAX DOMINI “Peace of the Lord”

△AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God...” P 198

Please be seated

COMMUNION (See our Communion Practice)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “All Depends on Our Possessing” #732
“What Is the Word to Me” #730

△NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon) P 199

△THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Please be seated

HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” #861

△SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION.....P 201-202

ALL MAY BE SEATED AFTER SILENT PRAYER FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS



We welcome all worshipping with us today and pray you will be spiritually fed through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! **Visitors, please sign the guest book in the narthex.**

Our Communion Practice

We receive in this sacrament the true body and blood of Jesus with the bread and wine. Believers also receive forgiveness to strengthen their faith. God wants all to be truly worthy & well prepared to receive His blessings in the Lord’s Supper. (1Cor. 11:26-29)

Receiving this Supper is a public proclamation of the faith, so we ask that only those who confess the faith of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod commune with us as one body in Christ.

(1Cor. 10:17) This includes all the baptized who have been instructed from Luther’s *Small*

Catechism. The Biblical practice of Closed Communion is not to offend individuals, but lovingly, to guard and protect the Spiritual well-being of all.

If you are currently a member of a Lutheran church in our fellowship, you are invited to receive Holy Communion today.

Others Christians are invited forward, crossing arms, to receive a blessing



Adult Catechism classes are preparation for Holy Communion. Please speak to Pastor about how to join our fellowship.

Stewardship nugget: Treasures are important for a Christian servant. From your wealth you are able to give generously to your Church and important ministries. But such treasure is

Serve the Lord with Gladness



always secondary, because it is worldly worth, and as such is only temporary and of limited benefit. The greater treasures are those stored up in heaven. What are these heavenly treasures? Those you love: children, spouse, friends and fellow church members with whom you hope to share eternity above. Their eternal future is far more valuable than anyone's earthly future, which lasts such a short time.

What can you render to the Lord for all his benefits to you? We thank Gina Finch and Grace Schneider for their help with the church cleaning for the upcoming month of August. Much gratitude to Kirk and Lynn Drumm, and Ora Mae Abel for their time shared in July...Please consider signing up, we need your help!



Altar Flowers: On their 57th Wedding Anniversary from Bill and Carolyn Melling

Attendance last Sunday: 36 (Plus on-line viewers)

Today at Redeemer:

8:30 AM.....Morning Prayer with homily on the day's psalm

9:00AM.....Adult Bible class (*Revelation*) and Sunday school for kids

10:30 AM.....Divine Service Setting 3 with Communion

This week at Redeemer:

Tuesday, August 5..... 6:30 PM NO Bible Class: *Luke*

Wednesday, August 6..... 10:30 AM NO Bible Class: *Proverbs*

Thursday, August 7 4:00 PM Youth Confirmation Class resumes



August 3 Joe Sicard

August 9 Sandy Walton



Please pray for: Christine Atwood recuperating; Linda Ray pain treatments; Toby Moore with brain cancer;

Prayer Chain: Contact Loraine Rathman drloraine@aol.com or 985-246-6108

Courtesy: About 10 minutes before worship begins, the doors to the sanctuary will be closed for quiet prayer and meditation.

During worship, if you must enter or leave please do so during the hymns or other sung portions of the service to avoid any distracting interruptions.

Announcements: Contact the church office by Wednesday morning for insertion into Sunday's bulletin. email: redemermanteville@gmail.com with a copy to elverapigg@charter.net

Debt Reduction Drive: Please consider a gift to Redeemer Lutheran from your tax refund. If you receive a required minimum distribution (RMD) from an IRA or 401K, you may designate it as a roll-over to Redeemer as your church contribution, tax free! **Extra donations over and above your regular** should be clearly marked that it is for *debt reduction*.

Midweek Bible Classes Summer hiatus is over!. Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning class will resume the 2nd week of August.

Pastor's Vacation: This is the last Sunday of Pastor's vacation. Our thanks to Rev. Paul Ernewein of Forged By Fire and LERT training fame for filling in for us today.

Allie Rancatore & Parker Finch invite their church family to join them this afternoon (August 3) from 3:00 to 5:00 at First Baptist Church in Slidell for their Stars & Stripes Award Ceremony and Reception. This event is a celebration of the completion of their two community projects that Redeemer members supported and encouraged over the past year.

WHAT ARE THE TWO KINGDOMS?

As citizens of the United States of America, we celebrate Veterans' Day to honor those who served to ensure the freedoms we enjoy. We cast our ballots to elect representatives of our republic to make and execute the laws of the land. As good citizens we are faithful to all the laws of our nation as we "render unto Caesar what is Caesar's". (*Matthew 22:21*) In this manner, good citizens pledge allegiance to the flag for which it stands.

We also are "citizens of heaven". (Phil. 3:20) We submit to our Lord Jesus, who commanded all His disciples be taught to obey everything He commanded them. (*Matthew 28:18-20*) Peter and the Apostles understood this to have priority over earthly laws, when they said, "we must obey God rather than men!". (*Acts 5:29*) Christians are loyal to their God who is faithful to them in Christ, as they "render unto God what is God's". (*Matthew 22:21*)

So Christians have a "dual" citizenship. They indeed are citizens of the country or nation in which they reside. They are also citizens of God's eternal kingdom at the same time. Such dual-citizenship can cause tension from time to time. What if the leaders of a nation require action of us which God forbids? Such was the case during the captivity of God's people in Babylon.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the idol set up by Babylon's king, and were thrown into the fiery furnace. Daniel refused to pray to the king and was thrown into the lion's den. All the Jews of Babylon in Esther's day were put under a death sentence when they refused to defy God by obeying the king's laws. Yet God rewarded their obedience to Him each time sparing them from death.

As Christians, it is clear where our primary loyalty is--to our Lord and God. We show this in the way we worship where God's work of His eternal kingdom is the central focus. His gospel word is proclaimed from the pulpit. At the Baptismal font His cleansing forgiveness is applied. His Supper is given us for our life and salvation at the Altar. All are "front and center" in the service.

By these symbolic church furnishings we proclaim our true citizenship in heaven. They are constant reminders to us of what God does for our eternal blessing. The events which occur at these places in the church building have everlasting meaning. We do well to focus our faith upon such things.

When a congregation displays two flags to represent the two kingdoms in which we serve, it is best for these *not* to be placed in the chancel. They may be in the nave where the people are as a reminder that they serve in both realms. They may be at the entrance/exit of the church to remind folks that they enter into the heavenly kingdom for worship and depart into this secular world to serve their neighbors.