



What Makes Christians *Different*

Christians Trust God to Provide

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

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SERIES THEME: *WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS DIFFERENT*

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

July 5.....Christians Find Rest in Jesus
July 12.....Christians Live as Wheat Among Weeds
July 19.....Christians are Planted by the Word
July 26.....Christians Seek Spiritual Wealth
*August 2Christians Answer Doubt with Faith
***August 9Christians Trust God to Provide**

TODAY: *CHRISTIANS TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE*

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are fine, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?

When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, Christians focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us innumerable spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.



**Note - We swapped the themes and readings from August 2 and 9, in order to coordinate with Martin Luther, Oshkosh's preaching schedule. If you attended one of our sister WELS congregations last week, you likely heard the readings we are using this morning.*



THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | **603:1-3**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Both the invocation
and sign of the cross
are reminders of our
baptism.*

CONFESSION

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

9:30 Service

BAPTISM

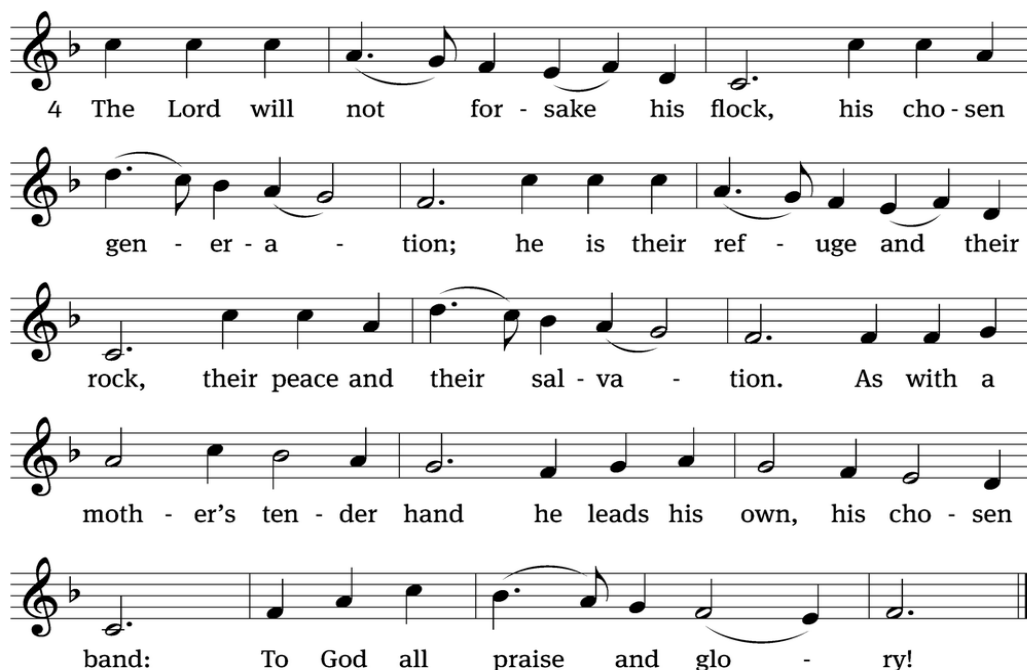
OF ELIZABETH ELAINE SHARP

daughter of Rebekkah and Nicholas Sharp

After the prayer, the congregation sings the next stanza of our opening hymn, printed below:

SONG OF PRAISE

All Praise to God Who Reigns Above | 603:4



4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
band: To God all praise and glo - ry!



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

Ephesians 1:3-10

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,
who by his understanding made the heavens,
who spread out the earth upon the waters,
who made the great lights
—the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night;
His love endures forever.
He remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies.
His love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Romans 8:32

Alleluia, alleluia! He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—
how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great multitude.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into 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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Also known as the
Baptismal Creed, this
statement of faith was
confessed at baptisms
in the early Christian
Church.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Across the Lands | 549

SERMON

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

²Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

The Lord Will Provide

I. Often with Unexpected Methods

II. Always with Unfailing Mercy

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for crowning the earth with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Great is your name, O God, and marvelous is your mercy.

Make your Church alive with the power of the gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may serve you with fervent zeal:

rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing in prayer.

Give quietness and confidence to all who may be enduring any trial or adversity of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them the rewards of faith and trust in you.

Hear us as we pray silently for those in need:

We Pause for Silent Prayer

And since our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, help us, O God, to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, so that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns, he may, according to his promise, transform our lowly bodies and make them resplendent in a form like his.

In his holy name, we pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Brothers and Sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

*This blessing has been
spoken over God's
people for 3,500 years.
Numbers 6:24-27*

HYMN

Oh, How Good It Is | 731

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My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: ☐ Old Testament ☐ New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

☐ Yes

☐ No



Communion?

☐ Yes

☐ No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?



*WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS
WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO*
