

The 19th Sunday after Trinity
Jesus Heals a Paralytic and Forgives Sin
October 18, 2020
11:00 am



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W E L C O M E

To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.

Please wear a mask during this service and while you are in the building.

This service has been modeled after the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One and does not include congregational singing. All singing will be done by secluded choir members.

Our financial gifts are offered as a response to what God has given us, and as a reminder that we are caretakers of the world he created. Our members support this church. Visitors are not expected to give an offering. Offerings will be collected in the plates as you exit the nave.

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REDEEMER CRISIS CENTER

A community of hope: serving, witnessing, celebrating.

Today we welcome **Diane Zellmer** from the Redeemer Crisis Center as our Guest Speaker.

The Center is a religious outreach organization affiliated with The Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland providing family services.

The Center serves over 500 families each month with food assistance. Monthly, the families receive food that equals 9-12 nutritious meals for every family member. A community meal is served each month for over 100 people. The Center also provides clothing and household items at no cost. Special needs, such as personal hygiene necessities, cleaning supplies, diapers, and other items which cannot be purchased with food stamps are made available when there is adequate funding. Furniture and appliance requests are matched with donations received by the Center. A summer Vacation Bible School and youth program include breakfast and lunch for all children who usually receive free lunches at school. Special events and resources are available to our many senior citizens to give them hope, friendship, and comfort. The Center also connects families to other agencies which can help with many other needs. All these services are provided in a Christian atmosphere which encourages worship, prayer, and Christian living.

The Redeemer Crisis Center is our designated Sheep and Goats for the month of October.

Due to necessary restrictions on congregational singing, choir members will sing the congregation's parts throughout the service.

Prelude

Improvisation on "St. Peter" H. Alexander Matthews

↑ Confession

A: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel as you are able.

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Please stand.

A: 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.

Introit (*Psalm 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Psalm 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*)

R: Say to my soul, "I am / your salvation!"*

When the righteous cry for help / the LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of / all his troubles;*

this is God, our God forev- / er and ever.

R: Give ear, O my people, /to my teaching;*

incline your ears to the words / of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a / parable;*

I will utter dark sayings / from of old,
things that we have / heard and known,*

that our fath- / ers have told us.

We will tell the coming generation

the glorious deeds of the LORD, / and his might,*
and the wonders that / he has done.

R: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*

and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in / the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Say to my soul, "I am / your salvation!"*

When the righteous cry for help / the LORD hears.

[The Lord] saved him out of / all his troubles;*

this is God, our God forev- / er and ever.

Kyrie

(Covenant Singers)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Hymn of Praise

(Covenant Singers)



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

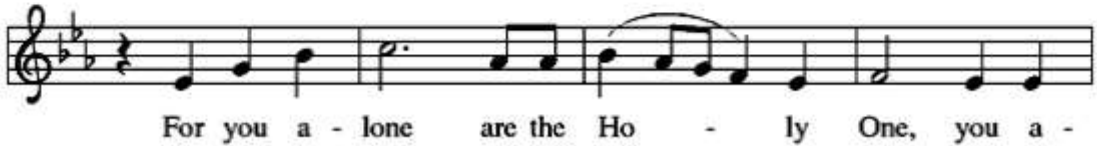


Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are scat - ed at the

(Covenant Singers)



Greeting and Collect

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: We pray: Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness, keep from us all things that may hurt us, that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

↓ The Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis 28:10-17)

A: A reading from Genesis:

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Psalm 141:1-2)

R: O LORD, I call upon you; hast- / en to me!*

Give ear to my voice when I / call to you!

Let my prayer be counted as in- / cense before you,*

and the lifting up of my hands as the evening / sacrifice!

The Christian Scriptures (*Ephesians 4:22-28*)

A: A reading from Ephesians:

²² put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ Verse (*Psalm 98:1a*)



R Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - - - - le - lu - ia.

**R: Sing to the LORD a / new song,*
for he has done mar- / velous things!**



R Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - - - - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel (*Matthew 9:1-8*)

A: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

² And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed.

And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” ³ And behold, some of the scribes said

to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their

thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is

easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ⁶ But

that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed

and go home.” ⁷ And he rose and went home. ⁸ When the crowds saw

it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such

authority to men.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



The Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

↓ Musical Offering

Take My Life and Let it Be

Thomas Keesecker

(Covenant Singers)

Sermon

Diane Zellmer

Redeemer Crisis Center

Announcements

Prayers of the People

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

A: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

A: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Timothy Flynn

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NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES

October 25, 2020

9:00 am "Drive In"

11:00 am "In Building"

Reformation Sunday

The Kingdom of Heaven has Suffered Violence

READINGS

Matthew 11:12-19 (Revelation 14:6-7, Romans 3:19-28)

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