

# PENTECOST

*The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

July 4 – 5, 2020

## Christ's Promise of Rest

### READINGS

Zechariah 9:9–12  
Romans 7:14–25a  
Matthew 11:25–30

### PREACHER:

Pastor Wayne Schroeder

### PREPARE YOUR HEART:

"Come to me, and I will give you rest," Jesus says to us. But where is it? I could sure use some rest right now amid the chaos of life. But what is this rest that Jesus offers us? And what is this "yoke" that he wants us to take on? What's that all about? Doesn't sound too restful, does it? And yet, Christ gives us a rest that the world cannot give, and a purpose that we can find in nothing or no one else. Join us as we learn about the gracious gifts Jesus offers us.

- 1 What has your life been like in the midst of this pandemic? Has it been restful?
- 2 What does Jesus mean when he says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me?"
- 3 Can service for Jesus actually be "restful?"

## You Belong

Welcome to worship at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church! Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, worship currently looks much different than most are accustomed to but we are still gathered as a body of believers, leaning into God's steadfast love, His mercy, and His promise of enduring faithfulness. We praise God for the modern technology that allows us access to worship even in the face of a global health crisis. The full expression of God's love for you is the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for your sins. God sees you.

## You Were Made To Know Him

As willing participants in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe the only absolute truth is written in God's Word, The Bible. We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Three Persons. The divine mystery of the Trinity is clearly taught in Scripture and acknowledged by the Christian Church since the Apostolic Age. We believe that God the Father created all things and that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the World, and that no one can believe these truths or be saved without the working of the Holy Spirit in their heart and mind. We believe that a person is given faith as a gift. Born of sin, we are unable to accept God's favor. Only He can give it. This gift is given through Baptism and strengthened through the forgiveness of sins, especially in the Lord's Supper. We believe Christ was clear when He gave the Lord's Supper to His church saying, "Take eat, this is My Body; take drink, this is My Blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34).

## Service Notes

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. This means we believe that in worship "God is providing His service for us. In the reading, the preaching, and the proclamation of His Word and in His sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, God comes to us. In worship, God gives His grace and then we respond with thanks and praise."

*(from *Worshiping with Angels and Archangels*. Concordia Publishing House, 2006).*

Both our **4:30PM Saturday and 9AM Sunday Blended Worship Services** celebrate the Service of the Word and Sacrament.

## Ministry Minute

We celebrate the ministries of Pastor John and Stephanie Kelling as they mark milestones in their service to the Lord. We rejoice in what God has done through Pastor Kelling's 40 years of ministry, including 25 years in service as pastor. We commend Stephanie who has served for 35 years in the teaching ministry and is now beginning retirement. John and Stephanie's spiritual and academic leadership has been a blessing to so many. Their example of obedience to Jesus Christ highlights God's goodness and faithfulness to those who follow Him. Well done good and faithful servants!

**We celebrate your service to the Lord!**