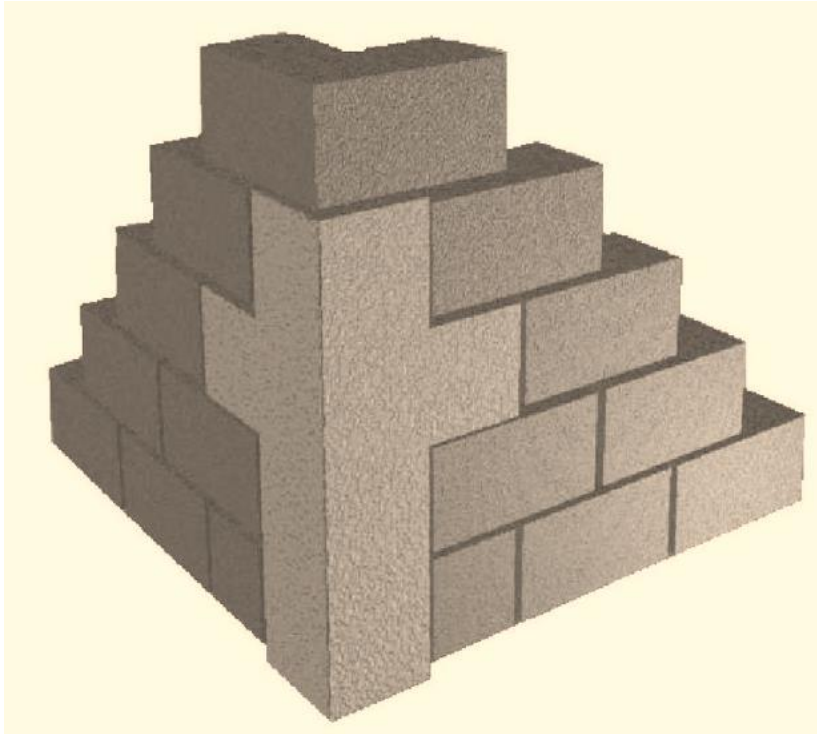




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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Anna Borkenhagen and Brittany Wilson

ALTAR GUILD: Chris Bremer and Brittany Wilson

USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck and Sean Holub

PRELUDE

MEDITATION CHANT

"It Is Good to Trust"

Taize

♩ = 58

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God.

bo - num spe - ra - re in Do - mi - no,
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

(please stand if able)

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

OPENING LITANY

When we are tempted to add our noise to the shouting of opinions and doctrines,

Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

When we face the crashing of guns and missiles, and the loud justifications of violence,

Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

When we are overwhelmed by the wails of those who grieve and suffer, and by the muzak of those who deny the world's pain,

Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

When we are lured by the song of materialism, and lulled by the lullaby of the immediate and the expedient,

Teach us, O Christ, the art of quiet proclamation.

In all the places where your love and justice are unheard, where the song of your grace is silenced, and where the noise of sin robs people of life,

Teach us to hear the whispers of your reign, and to quietly, gently, persistently proclaim your Gospel in word and action. Amen.

-author, John van de Laar

OPENING SONG

"Give Me Jesus"

Red Book 770

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Carolyn Schaefer Placko

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(please sit)

FIRST READING

Philippians 3: 4b – 14

Brittany Wilson

[Paul writes] **If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:** ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; **as to righteousness under the law, blameless.**

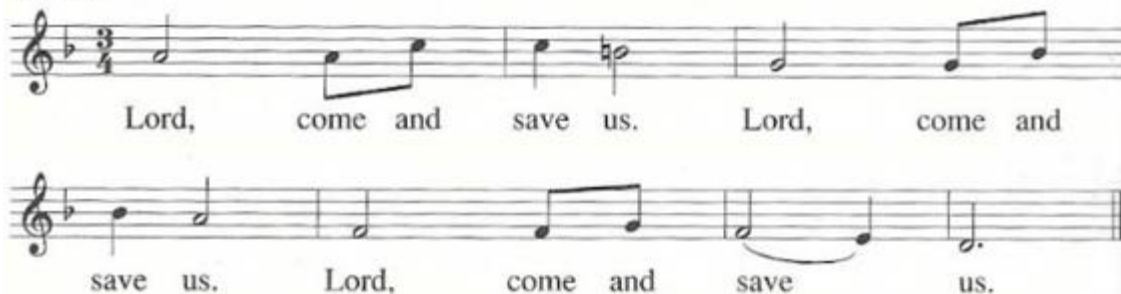
⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146**"Lord, Come and Save Us"***Marty Haugen*

Refrain



Verses

1. For all my life I will sing to you, O ever faithful God.
You fill the heavens with wondrous lights, the earth sings out your glory.
2. Put not your trust in those who rule, the mighty of this earth.
Their breath shall fail, their power die, their plans shall fade and vanish.
3. You give your sight to all the blind, you raise up those bent low.
Your heart is near to the broken ones, you welcome in the stranger.
4. Happy those who keep faith with you, securing justice for the oppressed,
who give your food to each hungry heart, your freedom to each captive.
5. The weak and poor you sustain in love,
the wicked ones you bring to destruction;
for ever more shall your reign endure, to ev'ry generation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"

Jerry Sinclair

(please stand if able)

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 21: 33 – 46

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the

son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

**'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,'^[a]
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?**

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

SERMON SONG

"Be Thou My Vision
(prayer squares collected)

Red Book 793

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *Ken Medema*

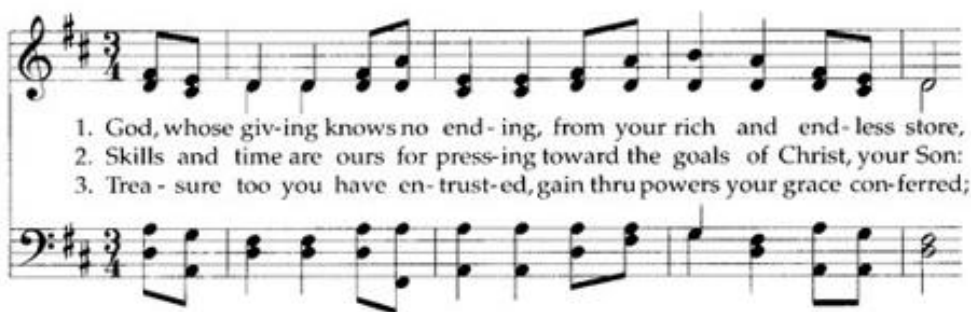
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

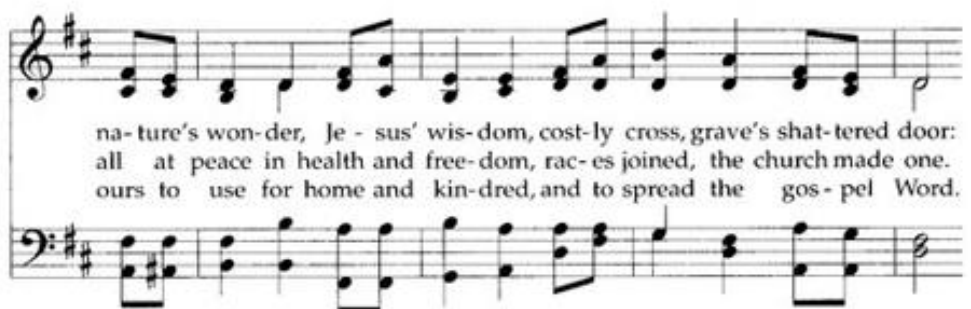
SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "God, Whose Giving Know No Ending" *Robert L. Edwards*
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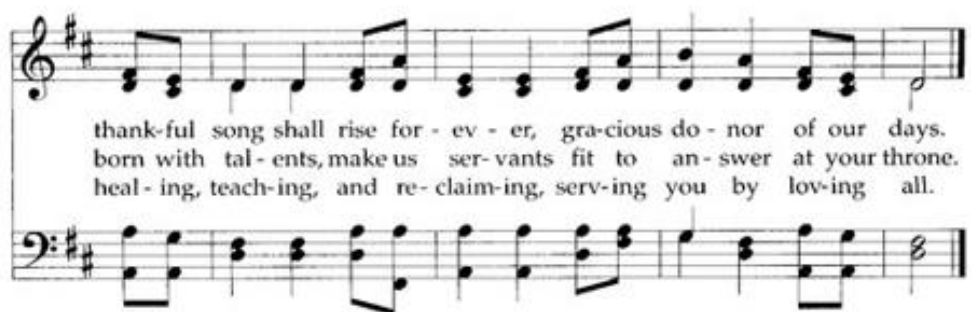
1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
 2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
 3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Carolyn Schaefer Placko

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen

Song

Richardson/Bray

And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.

And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in.

And our hearts will o-pen wide to re - ceive.

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Table Will Be Wide"
(please stand if able)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

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.

Invitation (please sit)

COMMUNION SONG

"One Bread, One Body"

Red Book 496

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Carolyn Schaefer Placko

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve the world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(please stand if able)

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“When We Are Living”

Red Book 639

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Let us live humbly for all! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.

BIBLE STUDY – Mondays – 12:30 in the Gathering Space

- This Monday we'll be looking at **Philippians 4:1 – 9**.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- **We are in need of servers throughout Fall** for the Olga Sunday Meal hosted at Redeemer. We need at least 12 people. If you can volunteer individually, as a family or as a small group, please sign up at olganws.com/volunteer.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. Dates are in there up to the end of the year. Plan ahead!
- [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/
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PLAN AHEAD

- Pet Blessing – Saturday, October 10 at 10 AM in North Parking Lot
- Semi Annual Meeting – Sunday, October 18, right after the service in the sanctuary.
- MET Coffee hour – November 1 – 9 AM.