

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

APPRECIATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

GATHERING HYMN: “Come All You People”#819

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

In Peter 4:11 we read: “If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

MORNING PRAYER

Please join with me in the prayer of the day: **Father, we are so blessed to have men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless. Help us remember to thank You for their sacrifices and service to our community. May we touch heaven with prayers of gratitude whenever we see or personally encounter first responders. Give them the strength that You provide because they love You and Your people. Amen.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (blue hymnal)#612

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 10:25-37

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON **A Nation of Neighbors**.....Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

One God, giver of life, you established peace and hope through your Son Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let’s share Christ’s peace with one another.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come. All are welcome! No exception!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.

Stir people all over our nation to pray fervently that our first responders will be salt and light in dark places and beacons of hope to the hopeless. Help them to minister to all neighbors in a very difficult occupation so that they might be change agents for the sake of Your name! **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

WORD FROM CHIEF OF POLICELoren Sharp

SONG OF PEACE

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be grateful in everything! **Thanks be to God.**