



# ROYAL REDEEMER

AN LCMS CONGREGATION

*October 6, 2024*

*9:00am Worship*

## Under the Circumstances

LEADING IN  
ANXIOUS TIMES

# The Balancing Act

(Pastor Ben)

*How does anxiety affect your worldview?*

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - October 6, 2024  
9:00am Order of Worship  
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Prelude / Welcome

**913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

**Invocation & Confession**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Passing of the Peace

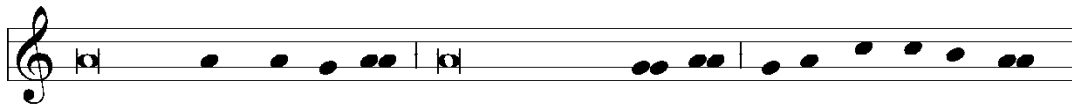
### Kyrie *LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



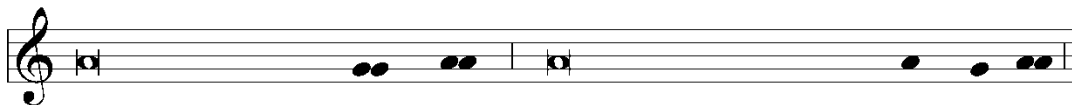
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



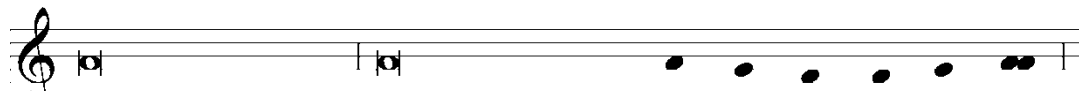
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



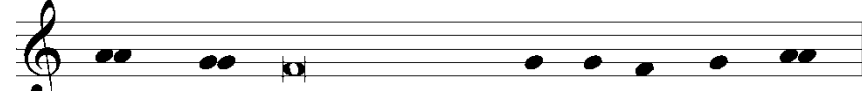
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise




let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast** *LSB 171*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please Sit)*

**First Lesson**

Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19

- <sup>1</sup> I love you, LORD, my strength.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>3</sup>I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,  
and I have been saved from my enemies.

<sup>4</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

<sup>5</sup>The cords of the grave coiled around me;  
the snares of death confronted me.

<sup>6</sup>In my distress I called to the LORD;  
I cried to my God for help.

From his temple he heard my voice;  
my cry came before him, into his ears.

## Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

<sup>14</sup>Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? <sup>15</sup>What harmony is there between Christ and Belial<sup>[a]</sup>? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? <sup>16</sup>What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

“I will live with them  
and walk among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>17</sup>Therefore,

“Come out from them  
and be separate,  
says the Lord.  
Touch no unclean thing,  
and I will receive you.”<sup>[c]</sup>

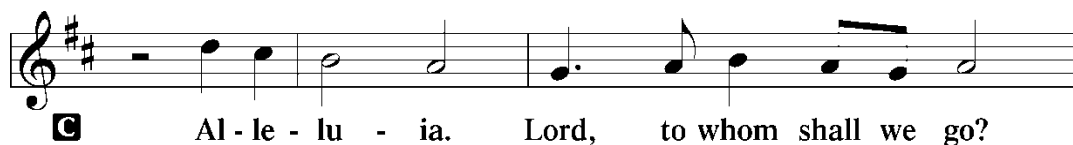
<sup>18</sup>And,

“I will be a Father to you,  
and you will be my sons and daughters,  
says the Lord Almighty.”<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

*(Please Stand)*

## Alleluia and Verse LSB 173



## Holy Gospel

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Luke 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup>To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup>“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

<sup>14</sup>“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and we look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please Sit)*

### 649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Message** Under the Circumstances: Leading in Anxious Times The Balancing Act

**Offering**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering**

Thank you for your faithful support of ministry at Royal Redeemer. As a reminder, you may submit your offerings 1) in the collection plate, 2) by mail to the church, 7127 Dutchland Pkwy., Liberty Township, Ohio, 3) by arranging an automatic deposit through your bank account (see the Give page under the Serve section of our website), or 4) via the Church Center. You can find a link on the Worship Live page of our website.

**Announcements**

*(Please Stand)*



## **Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, with hearts humbled before the Lord.

Merciful Father, Your Son welcomed the little children and taught us to approach You with a childlike trust. Help us, as leaders and caregivers, to welcome the vulnerable and the anxious into Your presence, that we may reflect Your compassion and remove any barriers to their receiving Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Lord, in times of uncertainty, You have provided faithful servants to guide Your Church. We lift up Matthew, our Synod president; Kevin, our district president; Allan, our circuit visitor; and all pastors and leaders. Grant them humility and wisdom as they lead, and fill them with a spirit of service that seeks to calm fears and inspire hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, we pray for couples and siblings struggling with anxiety and tension in their marriages and families. Soften their hearts with Your grace, and remind them of Your call to humility, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Lead them to seek peace and restoration in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, for families fractured by betrayal, broken trust, or divorce, we ask for Your healing presence. In these painful times, give comfort to the wounded, repentance to the guilty, and hope for all through the forgiveness found in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in a world filled with extremes and fear, grant Your wisdom and humility to Joseph, our president, and to all public servants. May they lead not for power or gain, but for the common good, pursuing justice, peace, and protection for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate God, You have promised to be near to the brokenhearted and to uphold those in distress. Be with all who are anxious, sick, or sorrowing. Grant them the humility to rest in Your care and the faith to trust in Your timing for health and healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, as we approach Your table to receive Your Son's body and blood, humble us before Your presence. Grant us repentant hearts, free from pride, and lead us to seek the transformation of our lives through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to lead with humility and faith in anxious times, walking in Your ways and trusting in Your provision for all that we need. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Communion Liturgy ~ Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *LSB 178*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei *LSB 180*



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



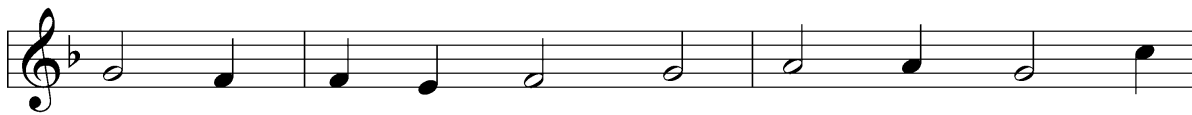
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Distribution

### 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may  
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y  
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the  
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing  
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of  
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of  
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we  
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -  
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.  
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.  
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.  
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.  
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

**Post-Communion Canticle**

*Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re - calls His prom - is -



es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!

2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,

△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.

Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.

Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.

Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.

Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.

Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!