

**Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church**

**August 30, 2020**

**Pastor Jordan Gackle**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements ..... (see opposite page)

**S:** Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness..... pg. 56

**S:** Hymn of Praise ..... “More Precious Than Silver”

**S:** Prayer of the Day:

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

1<sup>st</sup> Bible Reading ..... Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm Reading ..... Psalm 26:1-8, pg. 283-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Reading ..... Romans 12:9-21

**S:** Gospel Reading ..... Matthew 16:21-28

Special Music, “The Soldier and The Oak”

**Message**

Hymn of the Day ..... “Amazing Grace” #448, LBW

**S:** Apostles Creed ..... pg. 65

**S:** Prayers of the Church; The Lord’s Prayer ..... pg. 71

**S:** Benediction Blessing

**Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia. (Eph. 1:17, 18)**

**Welcome to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, LCMC.**

**Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please come again.**

Prayer Concerns and Requests:

Prayers for Beth Andry’s sister, **Nancy**, beginning chemo tomorrow; **Lane Froehlich; Mike Boruvka; Wayne Heinrich; Diane Feist, Cory Nitschke, Jerry Lagodinski; Steve Lambert** battling cancer; **Melissa Powers; Pastor Eppen’s** continued recovery; **Helen Seefeldt; Myron Lodoen, and Dotty Ellingson.**

Pray for Missionary, Jessica Kusler.

Pray for shut-ins: Bernie Anderson, Bud Kipp, Randi Kreutsberg

Pray for ALL in need of God’s strength, comfort, healing and peace.

Pray for our church, our schools, our community and country.

Pray for peace for ourselves, our homes, our country, and world.

## More Precious Than Silver

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Lord, you are more costly than gold;  
Lord, you are more beautiful than  
diamonds,  
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## The Soldier and the Oak

By: [Elliott Park](#)

This is a story that began long, long ago  
I was a young oak the in dark Missouri soil  
And like all other saplings  
I had dreams of growing strong and tall

One day a rebel with a bullet in his chest  
Hung his rifle on my limbs and laid to rest  
And there beside me as the blood soaked to  
my roots  
The soldier sang, a song of grace

The heavy rifle bowed me over to the  
ground  
Two years I stayed this way until the rifle  
fell  
And in this manner for a hundred years I  
grew  
All my dreams, not meant to be

Then one day two men came with a  
crosscut saw  
They spoke of how my arch would hold a  
weight so strong  
And I feared not the blade for such a  
worthy cause  
And so I fell, I gladly fell

Three winter days aboard a northbound  
train  
Three more beneath a hewer's careful  
blade  
And while he worked, he praised my rich,  
red grain  
Perhaps it was the soldier's blood that day

Now I'm the wooden arch that holds a  
mighty bell  
Three stocks before me cracked, but I shall  
never fail  
Up in a tall cathedral high above my  
dreams of long ago  
And on Sunday mornings when I hear that  
sweet refrain  
I see the soldier's face like it was yesterday  
Calling angels down from heaven with that  
hymn  
He softly sang,  
Of God's good grace.