

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, September 7, 2025, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Rev. Stephanie White**

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Order of Worship

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*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

## Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

## Hymnals we do not have in the pews but use their resources in our bulletins:

ACS = All Creation Sings (purple; the new hymnal supplement of the ELCA)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

\* = Please rise

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

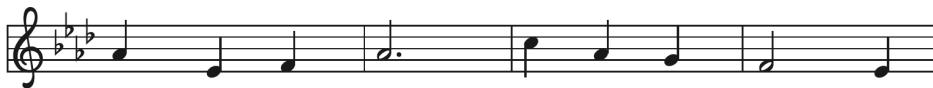
**\*Gathering Hymn**

*God's Work, Our Hands*

ACS #1000  
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*All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

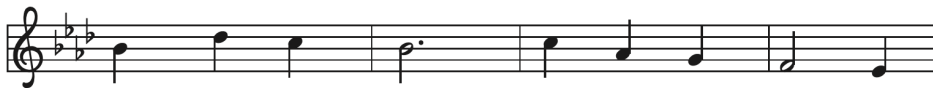
# God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

*Water is poured into the baptismal font..*

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

**Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**First Reading:** *Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.*

## Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**
- <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.
- <sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*  
sing twice

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

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**Gospel:** Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

**\*Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

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

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them,  
<sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Message

*Discipleship*

Rev. Stephanie White



*Refrain / Estribillo*



*Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y a - mor, a - llí es -*  
Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is



*tá\_el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá\_el Se - ñor.*  
there made known, our God is there made known.



*1 U - na sa - la y u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,*  
1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the  
*2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet*  
*3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing*



*vi - no y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -*  
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -  
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -  
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



*tien - do en a - mor y en u - ni - dad.*  
pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.  
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.  
fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



*Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do*  
Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise  
As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y  
Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



*del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -*  
of God's Word, here in joy and in re -  
and his blood, so we give our - selves to  
and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly



Refrain / Estribillo

mo - ria                      y la en - tre - ga      de su a - mor.  
 mem - brance              we re - ceive      our lov - ing      Lord.  
 oth - ers                      and we seek      our neigh - bor's      good.  
 mys - t'ry:                      Christ has died,      yet lives to      reign.

2 *Invitados a la mesa  
 del banquete del Señor,  
 recordamos su mandato  
 de vivir en el amor.  
 Comulgamos en el cuerpo  
 y en la sangre que él nos da,  
 y también en el hermano  
 si lo amamos de verdad. Estribillo*

3 *Este pan que da la vida  
 y este cáliz de salud  
 nos reúnen a los hermanos  
 en el nombre de Jesús.  
 Anunciamos su memoria,  
 celebramos su pasión,  
 el misterio de su muerte  
 y de su resurrección. Estribillo*

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## \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## \*Blessing of the Backpacks

## \*Prayers of the People

...God of grace,  
receive our prayer.

## \*Peace

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

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.***

## \*Offertory

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

ELW #181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the

brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the

seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## \*Offering Prayer

Lord of the Harvest,  
**we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.**  
**Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,**  
**but on you, who richly provides for us.**  
**Multiply what we have gathered**  
**to bless all who are suffering and in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## \*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.**

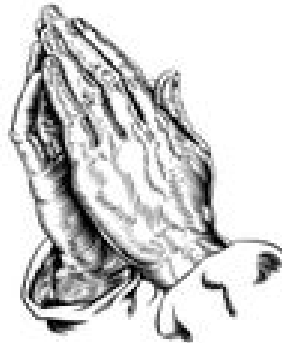
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

**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**



### **Distribution**

*If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, we invite you to join in celebrating at Christ's table wherever you are, with bread and wine, grape juice, or water, as we remain physically separated yet "together met, together bound by all that God has done" and "the love that makes us one." ("I Come with Joy", ELW #482)*

*If you are worshipping with us in person today, know that all who come seeking Jesus are invited to receive these gifts of God. Please approach the serving station at the front of the church using the center aisle. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine station; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.*

*Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.*

**Hymns during Distribution**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**ELW #810**

# O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

## **\*Post Communion Prayer**

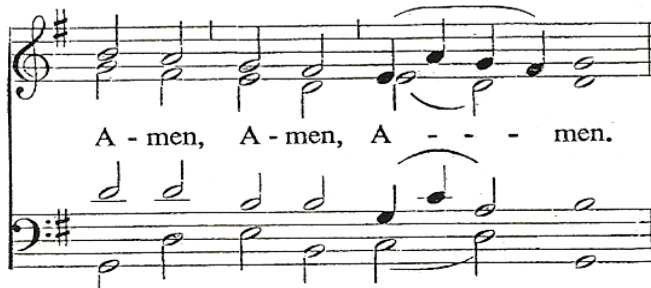
O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.  
Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **\*Blessing**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.



## **\*Sending Hymn**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

*All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.*

ELW #802  
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## **\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Postlude

**ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Lector:

Communion Assistants:

Serving at the Altar:

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Dena & Mike Halsa Family, Joyce White, Sandy Parker Family, Dave Thompson, Sandra Sundahl, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Trevor Sorter, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.



**Financial stewardship**  
**2025 Budget**  
**\$329,106.00**  
**Needed monthly**  
**\$27,425.50**  
**Needed Weekly**  
**\$6,328.96**

**Week Ending August 31, 2025**  
**\$5,819.05**  
**Weekly Shortage/Overage**  
**(\$509.14)**

**Quarterly statements** are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Altar flowers are given by**  
**Sue and Dennis Bendickson**  
**In loving memory of Ryan.**  
**Alter flowers are also given by**  
**In loving memory of**  
**Myron Maas.**  
**Blessed are their memories.**

**On-line giving has been changed** from Vanco to Subsplash. If you still need to switch to Subsplash, please do so as soon as possible.

**Registration forms for RymeTyme Tykes, JAM(Jesus and Me) K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Confirmation** are available in the Narthex.

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students** – Confirmation pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

**Sign up sheet for Meals on Wheels** is in the Narthex. Our week to serve is October 6-10. Thanks to all who volunteer their time for this opportunity.

**The 35<sup>th</sup> annual HIA Hospice Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

**Attention Women of the ELCA** – mark the following dates on your calendars.

**September 19 & 20** – NWMN Synodical Women's Organization presents their 37<sup>th</sup> annual convention. WELCA of Redeemer will pay for the first 4 women who want to attend. There are forms on the table in the Narthex as well.

**October 4** – The Fall Gathering of the Conference 2 WELCA NWMN Synod will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Middle River. This year's theme is "The Good Samaritan" Registration fee is \$10.00.

**Violence Intervention Project will be hosting a "Tea on DV"** a community Tea outreach event on Domestic Violence at Redeemer Lutheran church on 09/21/25. The event starts at 1pm and the speaker is Tim Denney. Tim is the NW Regional Co-coordinator for the Northern MN Suicide Prevention Initiative, and the Mental Health Lead for NW Health Services Coalition.

**The Road Trip is Back—With New Dates!** 🚗

We're hitting the road again this October, and we can't wait to see you! Bishop Bill and synod staff are traveling across Northwestern Minnesota for conversation, connection, and encouragement.

**New Date & Location:**

- **October 14** – 12 PM | *Trinity, Detroit Lakes* · 6 PM | *Redeemer, Thief River Falls*

Come join us at a stop near you for stories, sharing, and a chance to be part of what God is doing across our synod.



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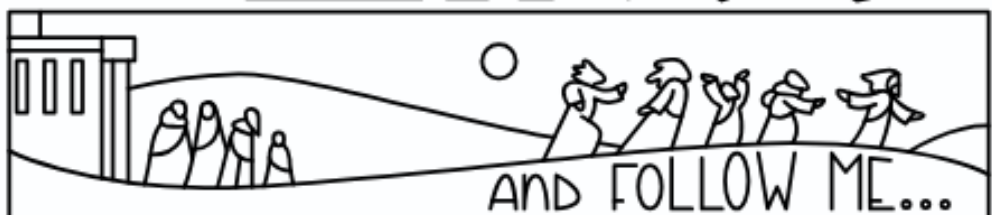
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Reid Froiland, *organist/liturgist/choir director*  
Chris Cuppett, *cantor*  
Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen,  
*staff musicians*  
Dave Ulrich, *videographer*

WHOEVER  
Does not carry  
the cross



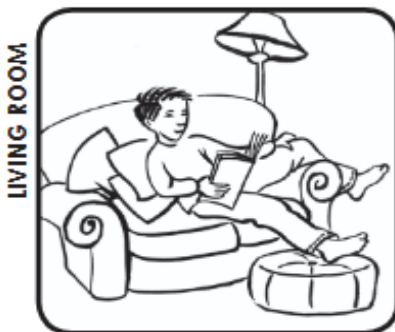
CANNOT BE

my DISCIPLE.

# Worship Space

What does your worship space look like? Draw it below.

Do worship spaces *need* to look like yours? Do we even need to worship in a church building at all? Circle some of the other scenes that might work as worship spaces.



We can worship God when we gather to glorify God's name!