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Order of Worship

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Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

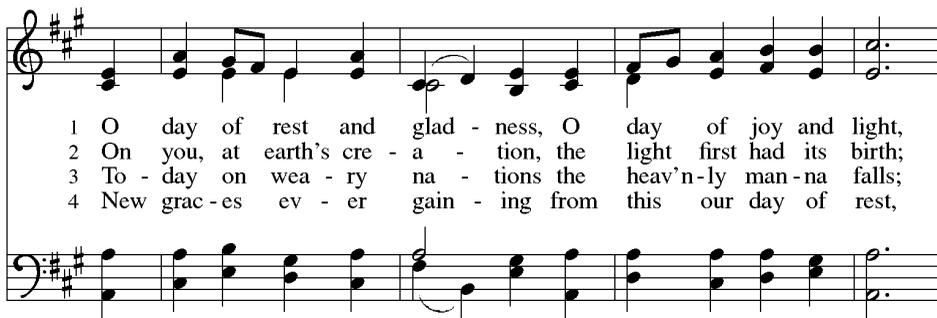
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send a text message to Rev. Darrel Cory at 218-791-0141 to let us know from where you are worshipping.

Gathering Hymn*O Day of Rest and Gladness**

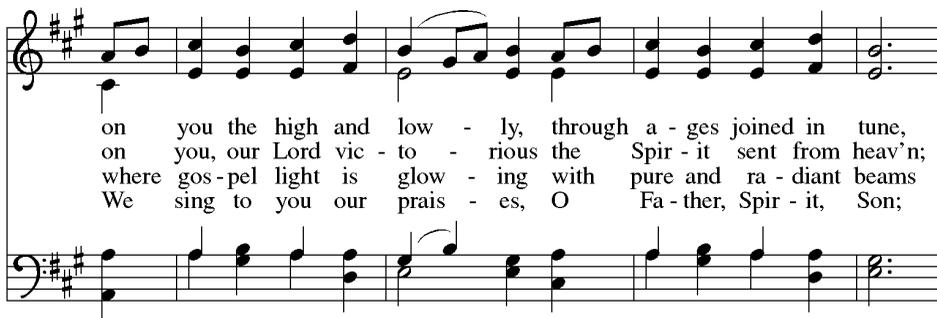
ELW #521

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

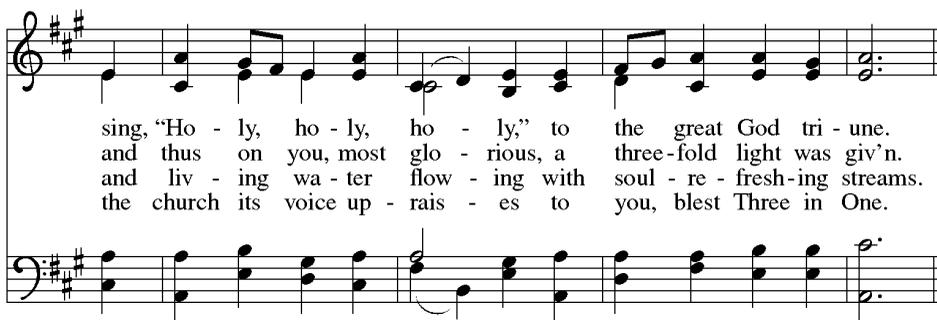
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.



on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

(Those who choose to may kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

Beloved of God,

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

(Please rise.)

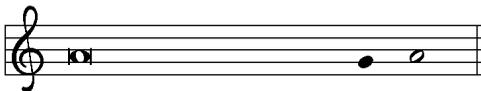
***Greeting**

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

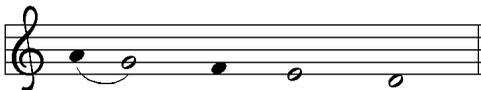
C: **And also with you.**

***Kyrie**

ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



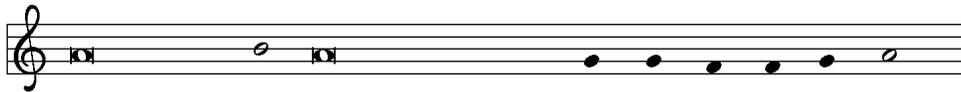
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

***Canticle of Praise**

This is the Feast of Victory

ELW p. 149

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 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.

Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 102

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

***Gospel: John 6:51-58**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain

Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

***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.**

***Prayers of the Church**

L: ...God, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

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

MEAL

Offering

*We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering plate before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.
Please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it down to the next person.*

***Offertory**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184



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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

ELW p. 153



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.

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.

*Agnus Dei

ELW p. 154



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

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. One side of the church will be served at a time.

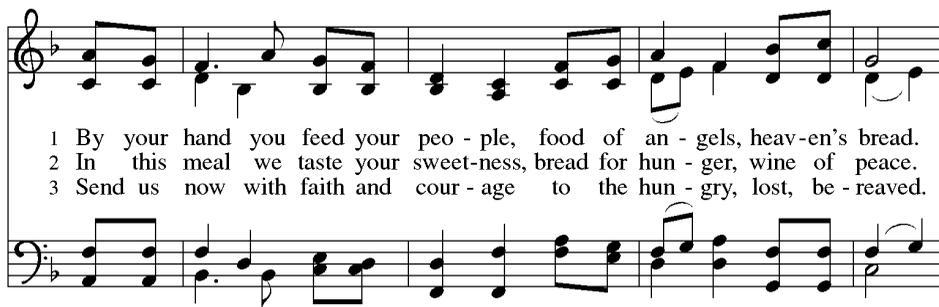
We have resumed "pre-pandemic" serving of Holy Communion. Please take an empty cup as you approach the head of an aisle; if you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please take one of the pre-filled cups of white grape juice from the center of the tray.

Our bread is gluten- and other allergen-free.

Hymn during Distribution

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW #518

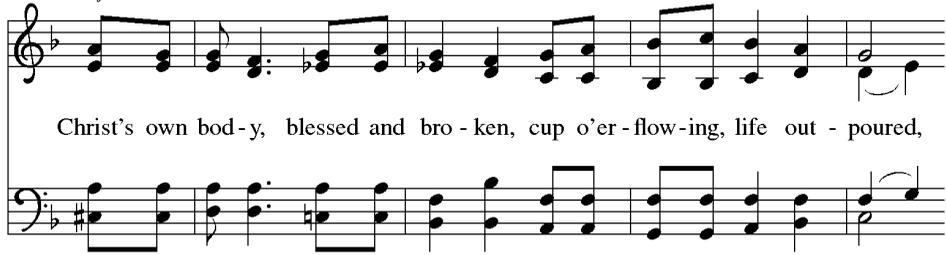


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In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out-poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887
 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Post-Communion Canticle**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

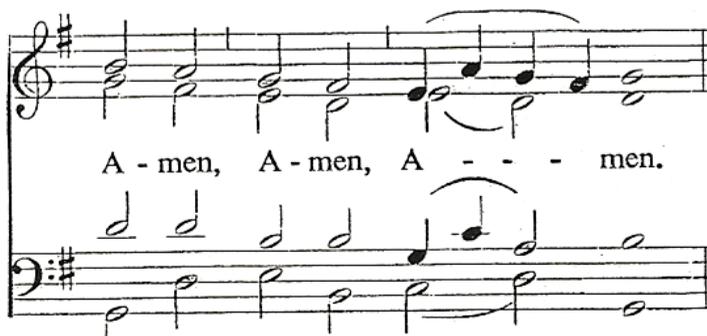


shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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SENDING

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**



***Sending Hymn**

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

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

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte:

Lector: Jan Anderson

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson, Carol Ihle, Sue Bendickson

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

Video: Dave Ulrich

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Our Mission Statement: Being chosen by God and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Redeemer Lutheran Church gathers together to worship, serve and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, to provide meaning and purpose for daily living.

Our Staff:

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 15-22, 2021

Sunday, August 15	9:30am 6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion Call Committee meeting
Tuesday, August 17	5:00-7:00pm	Redeemer Block Party
Sunday, August 22	8:15am 9:30am 6:45-7:45pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal and sing Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion F.I.R.E. for 6 th -8 th grade

Looking Ahead

Sunday, August 29	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, August 31	6:30pm	Altar Guild meeting

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Dawn Gustafson, Neil Peterson (husband of Linda Peterson), Donna Manning (Carol Ihle's mother), Maxine Holmstrom, Rick Hanson, Pearl Johnson, David Grovum, David Jarvi (Susan Froiland's brother), Dan Parker (Mike Parker's brother), Tami Hanson, Julie Kiesow (Lavonne Forsberg's sister), Scott Hickerson, Karen Burgus (Chris Burnham's sister), Dale Folger, Joyce Froschheiser, Mike Gilbertson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Brooklyn Poe, Mark Thompson (Dale & Jan Dillon's son-in-law), Larry Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, Jeremy Johnson, Shelley Steva.

Especially during these uncertain times, God calls us to certain tasks, and we call on God's help to fulfill them.

Dear Lord, we call on you now to guide us through the tasks ahead of us. Amen

Altar flowers this day are given by Tom Kays in memory of Dianne Kays.

The Redeemer Rocking Block Party will be Tuesday, August 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. Come join us for some hot dogs, yard games, live music, and visit with neighbors.

Congregational EXPO is back!

September 12th, after worship, & September 15th, prior to worship:

The EXPO is a Church Council-sponsored opportunity to provide an interactive activity for the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. All committees and groups are asked to participate and decorate a "booth" that illustrates their mission. Please contact the church office (681-3390) to let us know you are interested in having a booth. Please see last month's newsletter for more information and commonly asked questions.

Redeemer Lutheran Church's 2021 Call Committee has started meeting.

Committee members are: Wenda Sang, Darlene Kelley, Blane Dahlin, Scott Pream, Jan Nordin, Kate Anderson and Denice Nelson. Co-chairpersons will be Wanda Sang and Jan Nordin.

We will communicate with the congregation in the monthly newsletter and in the weekly bulletins. We will also send a monthly report from this committee to the church council.

Please pray for this committee as we begin this important journey for Redeemer's future.

The Senior Choir is returning this late summer and fall! The Senior Choir will sing for outdoor worship on Sunday, August 22, with a rehearsal at 8:15 a.m. The Choir will then begin rehearsals and singing for the fall season on Sunday, September 12. All are welcome to join the Senior Choir; contact Reid for more information. We hope to hear your voices with the choir!

Volunteers Needed: we are in need of worship volunteer readers and ushers for Sunday worship, and we also need volunteers for hospitality ministry for funeral services. Readers and ushers will have a rotation schedule. If you are interested please put your name down on our sign-up sheet in the Narthex or let Vanessa know at the church office

School Supply Drive: The Evangelism and Social Ministry Committee is on the hunt for school supplies! Donated school supplies will be placed into backpacks and delivered to the VIP Center in Thief River Falls and be available for students who stop by Redeemer in need of supplies. Drop supplies in the collection box in the Narthex from August 1-23. Thank you for your generosity!

The Worship and Music Committee has suspended Wednesday evening worship through Labor Day weekend; Wednesday worship will resume on Wednesday, September 8, as we resume BLAST and related programming.

The outdoor service originally scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 has been moved to Sunday, August 22.

Thank you to the Redeemer congregation for all your donations for the roofing fund. The project is now complete and has been paid in full.

Total roof cost	\$38,573.12
Congregation giving for roof	\$19,420
Balance paid by Capital Improvement	\$19,153.12

The quilters are in need of help! Precut quilt kits need to be sewn and are available in the narthex, instructions are included. Any questions please contact Shirley Booth. Your support of time, talent, or finance is greatly appreciated.

Financial Stewardship for 2021:

Weekly Giving – week of August 2-8: \$4,623.46 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

July Income: \$15,924.56 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income (through July 31): \$143,092.46 (\$160,258 budgeted year-to-date)

Weekly Giving includes cash and envelopes mailed to the church, dropped off at the church, or placed in the plate each week; it also includes some forms of electronic giving (e.g.: Vanco). Monthly income includes all forms of electronic giving.

Church Announcements: Please make sure to have your announcements in every week to Vanessa VanDam by **Monday at 10:00 a.m.** so that the preparation of bulletins does not get delayed.

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

Monthly Treasurer's Reports are available anytime for viewing. Contact Marit Martell or the church office.

REDEEMER

ROCKING BLOCK PARTY

Tuesday, August 17th

5:00—7:00 PM

Back Parking Lot

HOTDOG & BUN

KETCHUP

MUSTARD

CHIPS

WATER

FROZEN TREAT

VISITING WITH NEIGHBORS

YARD GAMES

LIVE MUSIC

