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In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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.



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*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, \pm 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.

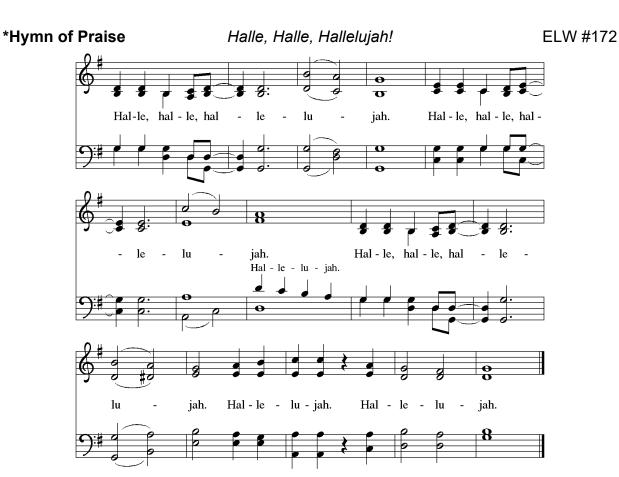
(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

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.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. $\ @$ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Ministry of Music

Senior Choir

<u>WORD</u>

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22

- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.
- ¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.
- ²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.
- ²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- ²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁶"Those 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." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Darrel Cory



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

*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 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: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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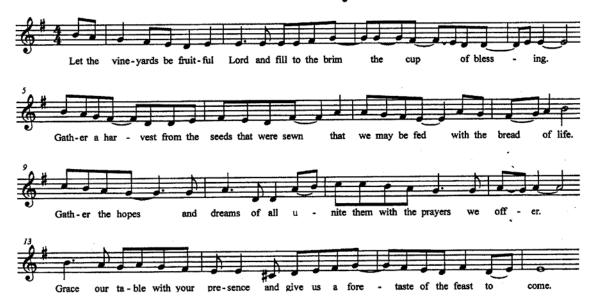
Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! In-person worshippers can place their offering in the offering box 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



*The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

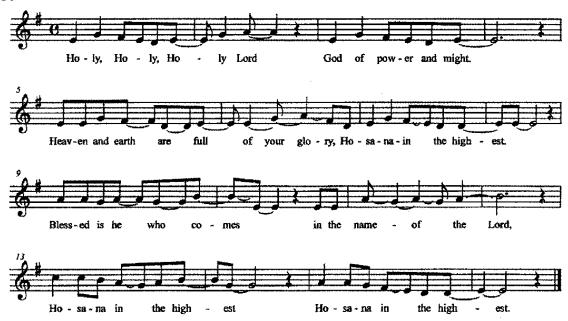
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

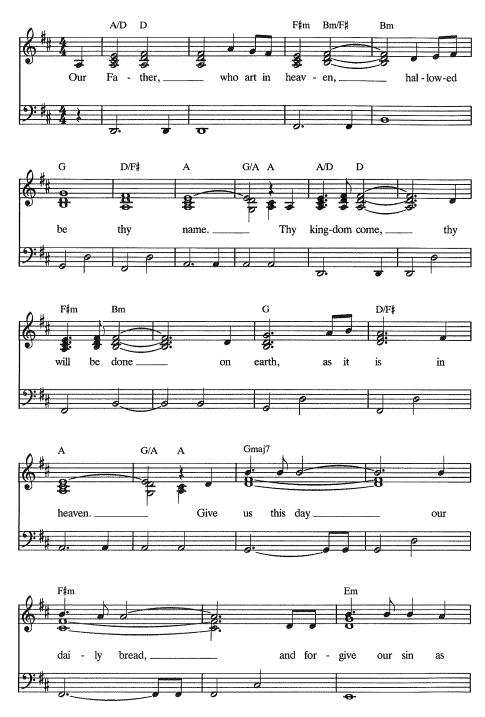
C:



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 STS #28





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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.

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.





Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Benediction and Threefold Amen





Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt. Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte: Zach and Landon Wikert

Lector: Jan Anderson

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

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

Musicians: Greg Dally, Dean Dalen, Reid Froiland, Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> 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.

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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 22-29, 2021

Sunday, August 22	8:15am	Senior Choir Rehearsal and sing

9:30am Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, August 23 Fellowship Hall floors getting cleaned

Thursday, August 26 Carpets getting cleaned

Sunday, August 29 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

6:30pm Call committee meeting

Tuesday, August 31 6:30pm Altar Guild meeting

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 5 9:30am Worsh	ip with Holy Communion
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Tuesday, September 7 4:30pm Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting

6:30pm Worship & Music committee meeting

Wednesday, September 8 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, September 10 8:15am-5:30pm Lifeline Screening

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 Barry & Susan Froiland in memory of their parents' anniversaries.

New Change, we have switched our internet service to Garden Valley and we now have a new email address **redeemer@gytel.com**.

We congratulate Cameron Dahlin and Hailey Rosendahl, who were joined together in marriage on Friday, August 20, in Ayr, ND, and we pray for them in their life together!

Lifeline Screening the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Friday, September 10, 2021. A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979
** Redeemer has 2 free complimentary screenings, if your interested please contact Vanessa at church office.

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 Wenda 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 fall! 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 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 9-15: \$3,028 (\$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.