



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

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

# Gather Us In

ELW #532

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



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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, † 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

L: ...let us pray to the Lord:

C:

Lord have mer - cy. - - Lord -- have mer - - - cy. -

After last chorus - sing twice

5  
A - - - men. A - - - - men.

### \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the  
LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and

welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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.**

## **\*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.**

## **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



## \*Sanctus

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

C:



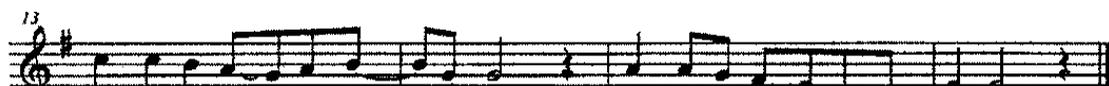
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na - in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who co - mes in the name - of the Lord,



Ho - sa - na in the high - est Ho - sa - 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

STS #28

A/D D F#m Bm/F# Bm

Our Fa - ther, \_\_\_\_\_ who art in heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_ hal - low - ed

G D/F# A G/A A A/D D

be thy name. \_\_\_\_\_ Thy king - dom come, \_\_\_\_\_ thy

F#m Bm G D/F#

will be done \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, as it is in

A G/A A Gmaj7

heaven. \_\_\_\_\_ Give us this day \_\_\_\_\_ our

F#m Em

dai - ly bread, \_\_\_\_\_ and for - give our sin as

G/A A Bm Bm/A Gmaj7

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. And

Em9 D/A

lead us not in - to temp - ta -

A Em9 D/A A

tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for

Gmaj7 F#m

thine is the king - dom, and the

Gmaj7 F#m

pow - er, and the glo - ry. for

Em G/A D

ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

## 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.

## Hymn during Distribution

### As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first three staves are the main melody, with lyrics underneath. The fourth staff contains two alternative lyrics. The fifth staff is a shorter refrain melody with lyrics underneath. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 4/4.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for- get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

**\*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**

**\*Sending Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW #879  
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*All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.*

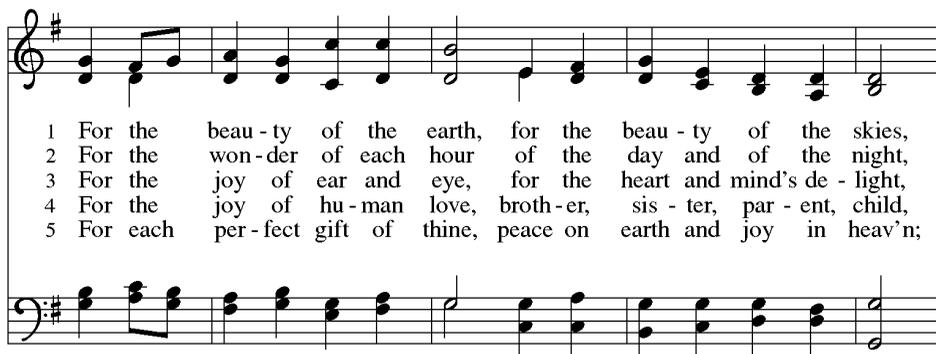
**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

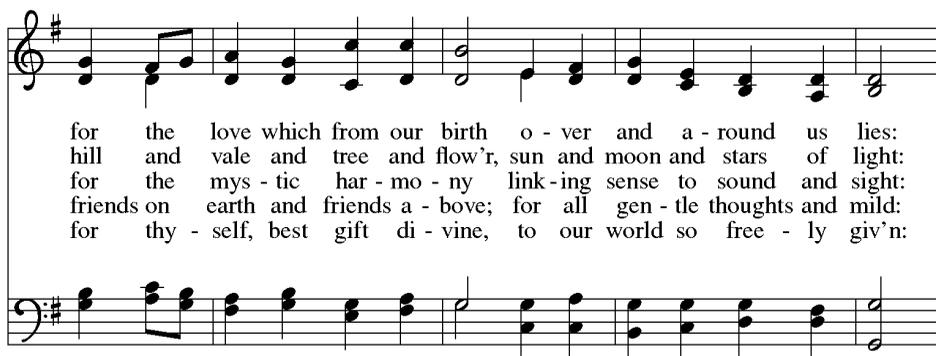
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

# For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Lector: Jan Anderson

Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

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

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen

Acolyte/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:**

*Pastor*

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# CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Sunday, August 29	9:30am 6:30pm	Worship with Holy Communion Call committee meeting
Tuesday, August 31	6:30pm	Altar Guild meeting
Sunday, September 5	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion

## Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 7	4:30pm 6:30pm	Evangelism & Social Ministry meeting 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.

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 to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

We give our Christian sympathy to the family of Shelley Steva. Shelley died on Monday, August 23, her funeral was held on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in St Paul, MN.

**We have switched our internet service** to Garden Valley and we now have a new e-mail address: [redeemer@gvtel.com](mailto:redeemer@gvtel.com).

**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 1 free complimentary screening**, if your interested please contact Vanessa at church office.

**Congregational EXPO is back!**

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, after worship, & September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 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

**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 23-29:** \$1,267.80 (\$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.