



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 5, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

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Order of Worship

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James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

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.

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

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***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,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

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

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

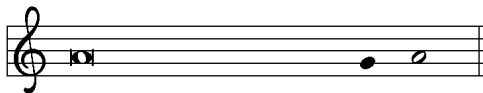
Amen.

(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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



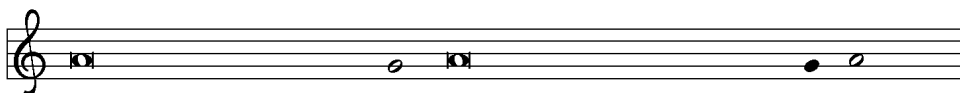
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



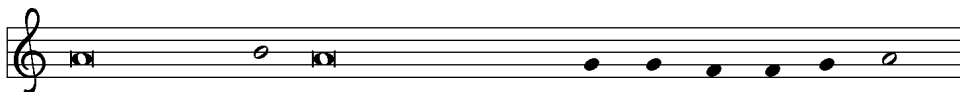
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Refrain



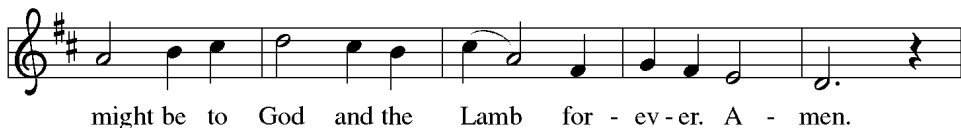
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

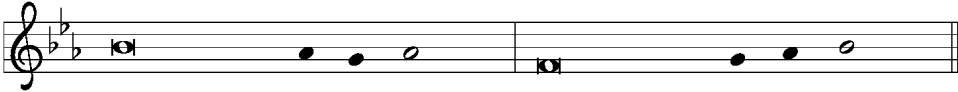
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

Psalm 146



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

- ¹Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
- ²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
- ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.
- ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are**
bowe down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.
- ⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- ¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

*Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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

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

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they

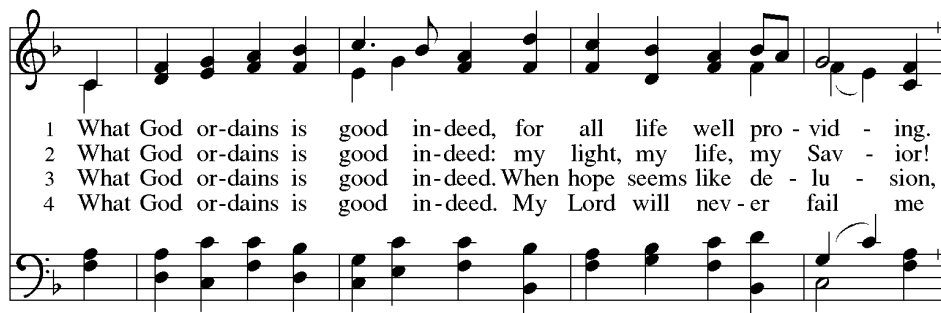
proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

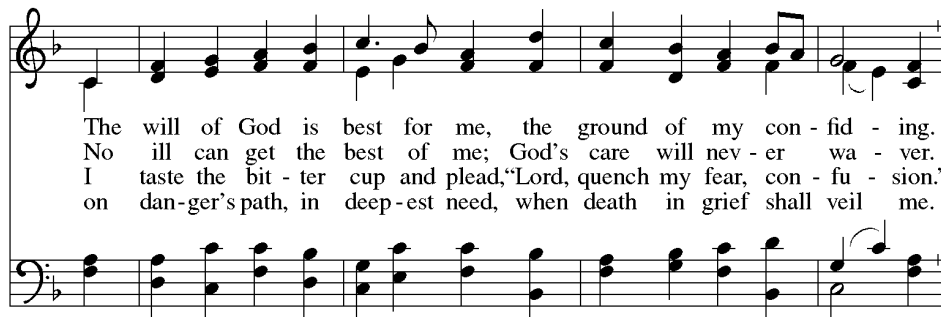
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory



1 What God or-dains is good in-deed, for all life well pro-vid-ing.
 2 What God or-dains is good in-deed: my light, my life, my Sav-ior!
 3 What God or-dains is good in-deed. When hope seems like de-lu-sion,
 4 What God or-dains is good in-deed. My Lord will nev-er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con-fid-ing.
 No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev-er wa-ver.
 I taste the bit-ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con-fu-sion."
 on dan-ger's path, in deep-est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith-ful God, on ev-'ry road you know the way un-
 Through joy and pain I shall at-tain the dawn dis-clos-ing
 God ends the night, re-stores de-light; by faith I face to-
 My God so dear will draw me near, in lov-ing arms will



fold-ing and my hand you are hold-ing.
 clear-ly that God has loved me dear-ly.
 mor-row and yield to God all sor-row.
 hold me, at last in light en-fold me.

***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 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

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW #726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in won-der ech-oes sha-lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
 Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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Hymn during Distribution

O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #480

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
 Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

*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

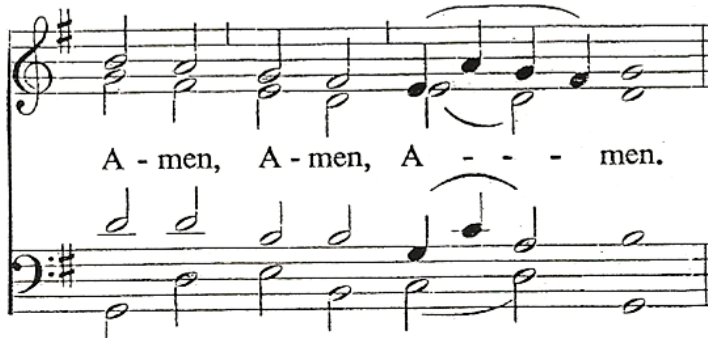
ELW #207

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice 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



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

*Sending Hymn

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW #722
(next page)

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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Darrel Cory

Lector: Jan Anderson

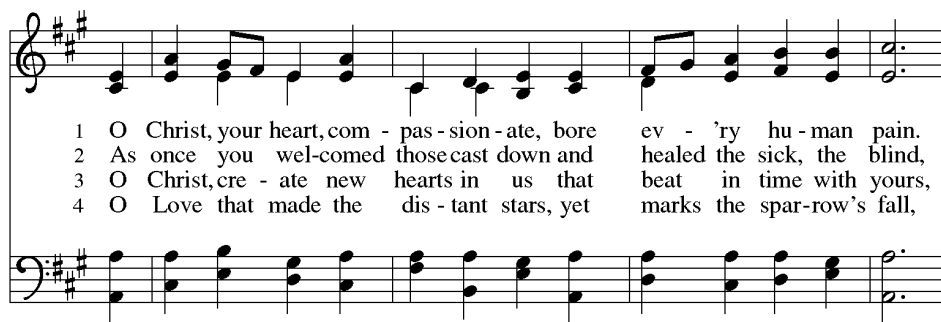
Communion Minister: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: TBD

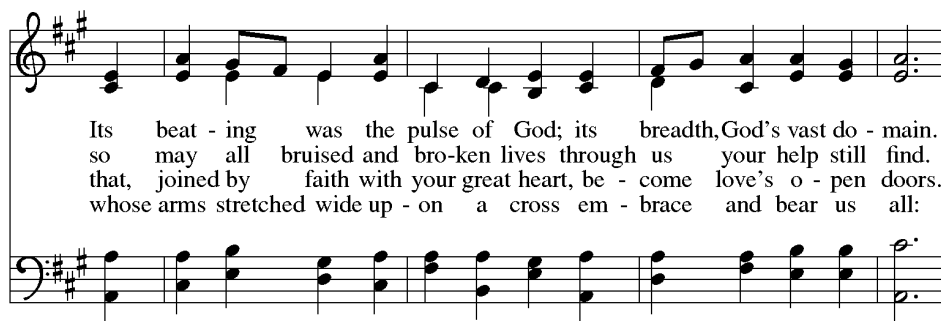
Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Organist: Reid Froiland

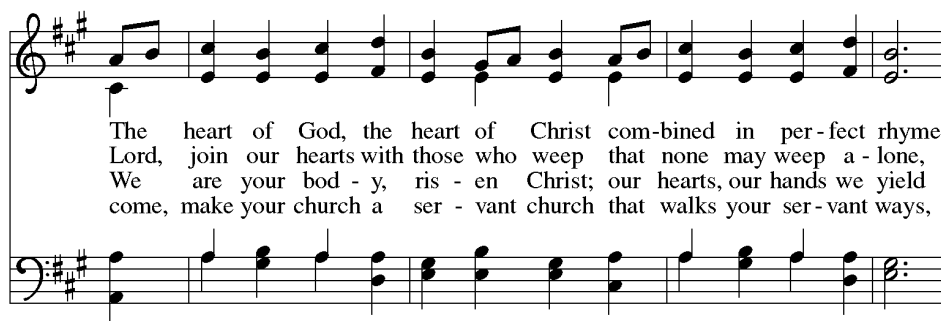
O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



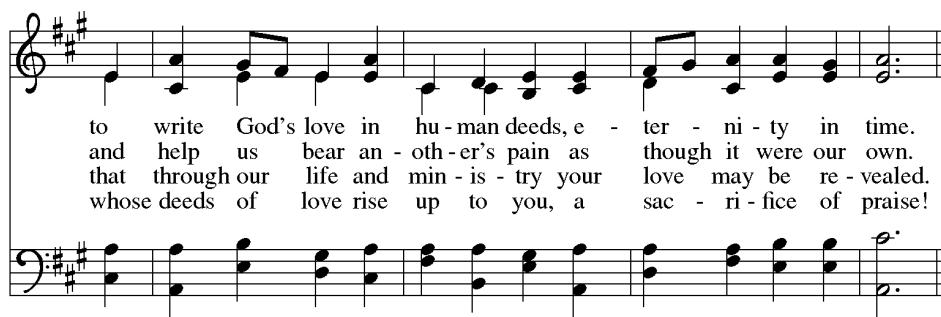
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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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.

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CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 5-12, 2021

Sunday, September 5	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
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 5:45pm	Lifeline Screening Confirmation Pictures
Saturday, September 11	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation students: stole making and Rehearsal
Sunday, September 12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation Redeemer Expo Call Committee meeting

Looking Ahead

Monday, September 13	5:30 p.m.	Property Committee meeting
Sunday, September 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday, September 21	6:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Sunday, September 26	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship with Holy Communion Call Committee meeting
Tuesday, September 28	6:30 p.m.	Altar Guild meeting
Wednesday, September 29	5:45 p.m.	Parent meeting for BLAST/Confirmation

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In your prayers this week please remember Dan Thorstad, 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 by David A. Ulrich in memory of his dad William R. Ulrich.

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

Thank you to the Redeemer congregation for all your donations for the India Appeal campaign; we raised \$1,447!

Confirmation students please at the church Friday, September 10 by 5:45pm for pictures, order forms are available at the church office and will also be available the day of pictures. Students please dress up. There will be no white gowns being worn. There will be individual as well as group pictures. Saturday, September 11 be at the church by 9:30am Denice Nelson will be meeting with you to guide you in creating your red stole. Afterwards, we will rehearse with Mr. Froiland. Rehearsal will be outside and (in case of inclement weather) inside. We do not foresee this taking over 2 hours, but it could be less. Parents ARE WELCOME to stay to observe.

To students: If you have completed your Faith Statement and Pastor Darrel has it, thank you and you may disregard the rest of this message. If you have completed your Faith Statement please send to Pastor Darrel. If you have not, please do so and send it to Pastor Darrel. If you need assistance Pastor Darrel is at your service.

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 12th, after 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 30-September 5: \$967 (\$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.

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