



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Key to hymnals:

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)

** = 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.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

***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.

***Hymn of Praise**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

ELW #172

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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-9

- ¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**
- ³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- ⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**
- ⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
- ⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**
- ⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.
- ⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**
- ⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth

from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: Word of God, word of life.

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: Mark 8:27-38**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Rite of Affirmation of Baptism for those making Public Profession of Faith

PRESENTATION

(The president of the congregation presents the candidates.)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present Briggs Anderson, Spencer Hempel, Christopher Johnson, Vanessa Thibert and Landon Wikert, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

(The presiding minister continues.)

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,
enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

(The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly rises to join in the responses.)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Together we proclaim our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed...let us say what we believe:

**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.**

***AFFIRMATION**

(The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each candidate responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

(Laying on of hands and presentation of the confirmands stole)

Stir up in Briggs, Spencer, Christopher, Vanessa, Landon the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

(Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly and are presented with a stole; as the stole is presented, all sing the alleluia.)

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

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

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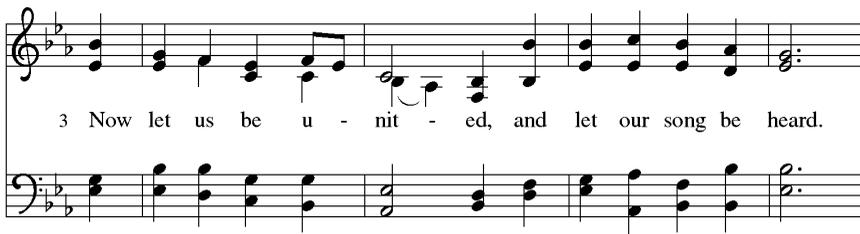
After the final alleluia is sung, the president of the congregation says:

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ!!!

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

We Are All One in Mission
All sing stanza 3.



3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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*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 box before the service or at this time. Your tithes and offerings submitted via the Postal Service or electronically are also gratefully appreciated.

*Offertory

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sewn 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 off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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:



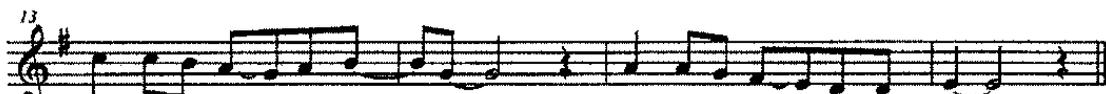
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.



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

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Hymn during Distribution

Taste and See

ELW #493

All sing the refrain; the cantor sings the verses.

Refrain - All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

- 2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

- 3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

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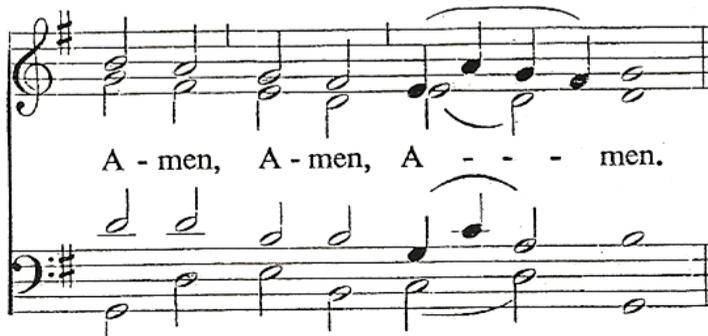
***Post-Communion Blessing**

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**



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

The image shows a musical score for the 'Threefold Amen' in G major. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a melody with a slur over the final three notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the final 'A' being a long note.

Farewell and Godspeed for Chris Burnham

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Chris, as you leave Redeemer, we wish to bid you farewell.

Exodus 23:20

The LORD said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared."

When you came to Redeemer 9 years ago we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. At Redeemer you have come to know and to share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Chris
and for the time we have shared with her
As she has been a blessing to us,
so now send her forth to be a blessing to others;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding Minister: Rev. Darrel Cory

Acolyte:

Communion Ministers: Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Carol Ihle, Polly Gustafson, Renae Dahlen

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

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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 12-19, 2021

Sunday, September 12	9:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion Confirmation
	10:30 a.m.	Redeemer Expo
	6:30 p.m.	Call Committee meeting
Monday, September 13	5:30 p.m.	Property Committee meeting
Sunday, September 19	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, September 21	6:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Sunday, September 26	9:30 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m.	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 Shirley Booth in memory of Douglas Booth and by Dale and Jan Dillon in memory of loved ones.

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!

Meals on Wheels: Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels the week of October 11-15; the signup sheet is in the Narthex, or you can call the church office to volunteer. We need 3 drivers a day. Meals are picked up in the lobby of the Law Enforcement Center at 11:15am.

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.

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 September 6-12: \$5,709.14 (\$5,283 needed each week to meet budgeted expenses)

August Income: \$15,279.72 (\$22,894 needed each month to meet budgeted expenses)

Year-to-Date Income (through August 31): \$158,372.18 (\$183,152 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.