

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, June 2, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship Second Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

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)

TFF = This Far by Faith

SBH = Service Book and Hymnal (1958)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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 an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

*Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is 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.

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

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.

Beloved people 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.

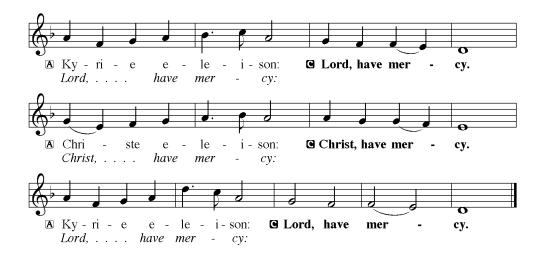
All face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

*Greeting

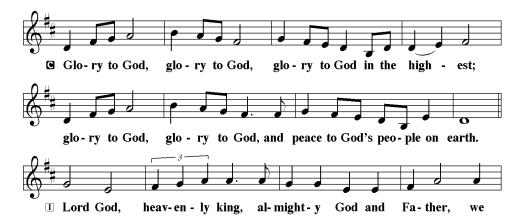
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

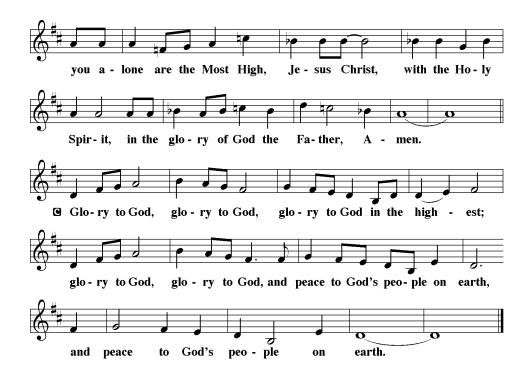
*Kyrie



*Canticle of Praise







*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

<u>WORD</u>

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your

daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 81:1-10



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

¹Sing with joy to [|] God our strength and raise a loud shout to the [|] God of Jacob.

²Raise a song and | sound the timbrel, the merry harp, | and the lyre.

³Blow the ram's horn at [|] the new moon, and at the full moon, the day [|] of our feast;

⁴for this is a stat- | ute for Israel, a law of the | God of Jacob.

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the I land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I idid not know:

6"I eased your shoulder | from the burden; your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket.

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I de- I livered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- I ters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:

O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

⁹There shall be no strange I god among you; you shall not worship a I foreign god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it.

Second Reading: When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

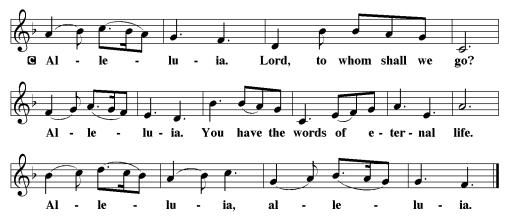
⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

*Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

The holy gospel according to St. Mark... Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Rev. Terri Cuppett

*Hymn of the Day

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ELW #521

*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

...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

*Peace

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

MEAL

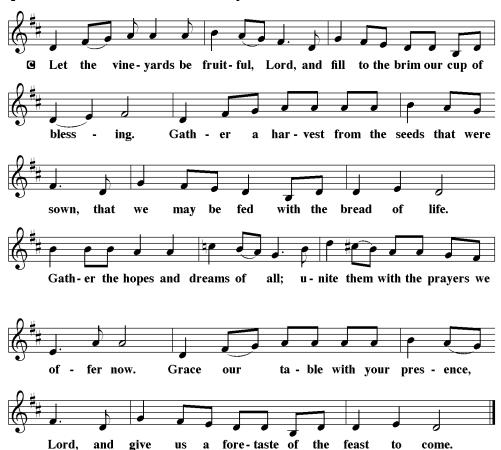
God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! As our tithes and offerings are being collected, 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



*Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

*Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

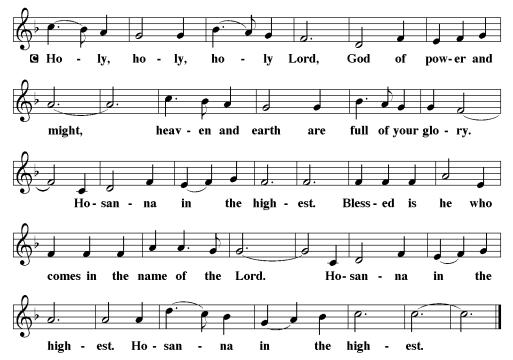
We lift them to the Lord.

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



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.

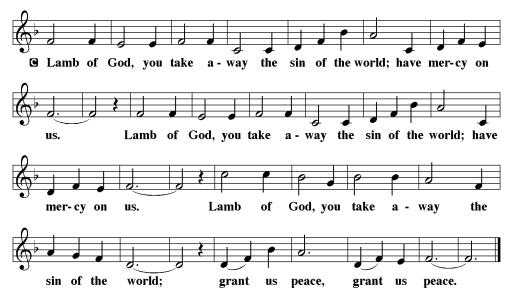
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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



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 <u>all</u> 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. After receiving the Bread of Life, please take an empty cup before approaching the wine station; 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.

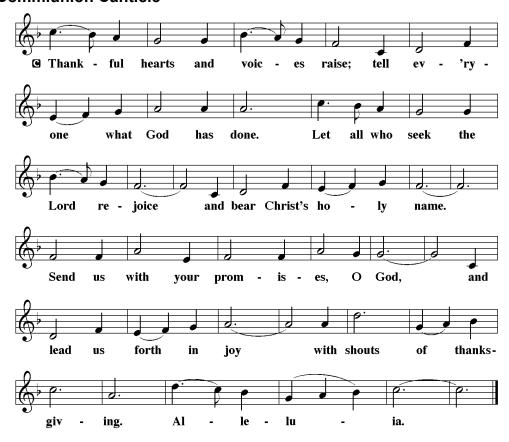
Hymns during Distribution	Holy Spirit, Truth Divine	ELW #398
	(sung to an alternate tune)	
	There Is a Balm in Gilead	ELW #614

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

*Post-Commiunion Canticle



*Post-Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Benediction and Threefold Amen



*Sending Hymn

Thy Strong Word

ELW #511

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

*Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Terri Cuppett

Acolyte: Levi Wilde

Ushers: Dan Aandal and Greg Holmstrom

Lector: Chris Cuppett

Communion Assistants: Jane Aandal and Jan Anderson

Serving at the Altar: Phyllis Johnson

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett Video: Dave Ulrich

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Ken and Deb Niemela family, Cory and Dawn Gustafson family, Dave and Bev Thompson family, Dan Elleson, Cindy Hughes, Luke and Sharon Noreen, Hal Kelley, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Leslie Rogalla, Trevor Sorter, Jamie Elleson, Travis Forsberg, Bob and Barb Horien, Morgan Martell, Rick and Tami Hanson, Dale Folger, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Annabelle Cuppett, and Jeremy Johnson

Altar Flowers are given today by Enid Sande in loving memory of Rolland Sande.



May Attendance

May 1 – 42

May 5 - 54

May 8 - 14

May 12 – 58

May 15 - 27

May 19 - 84

May 26 - 48

Financial stewardship 2024 Week Ending-May 26, 2024 \$2,207.27 May 2024 Income – \$13.982.52

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

Fellowship Hour is changing to the second Sunday of the month only. Each second Sunday please stay and enjoy the fellowship of your church family along with coffee and treats.

Pathways Bible camp forms are available in the Narthex. If you are interested in going, there are funds available for all campers. Please let the office know.

Due to requirement changes at USPS, the newsletter will only be available online for May – July or you may pick up a copy from the table in the Narthex.

Thank you to the Property committee for refurbishing and re-staining the flower boxes. They look wonderful! And to Mike Lundgren for planting them again this year.

New at Redeemer! QR Code giving. Forgot your offering? No worries – just scan the QR code with your smartphone and give your offering electronically.



Has anyone noticed this white squirrel that lives in our church yard? .





Birthday Blessings

June Birthdays -

1 - Ashley Bergerson 2 - Jacinda Zemcik, Peter Ihle, Jodi Rondorf, CeJae Bakken, 3 - Cayda Reierson, Trevor Bergerson 5 - Nicole Dennis, Maya Johnson 6 - Kiptyn Anderson, Kassidy Mostrom, Dakota Garcia 7 - Dennis Bendickson, Melissa Comstock 8 – Nathan Carlson, Diedre Hodgson 9 – Phyllis Johnson, Travis Harbott 10 – Vicki Halsa, Pauline Helgeland, Haley Nelson, Joyce Olson, Corlynne Jorde 11 – Kathy Carlson, Laureen Halvorson, Trevor Thompson, Blake Walker 12 - Julie Tjelle, Braylee Weinen 13 – Julie Olson, Cydnee Lystad, Nancy Kirkeide 14 – Kelsi Sunsdahl 15 – Jett Gerardy, Owen McLean, Reid Froiland 16 – Dave Ulrich, Jessica Klemetson 17 - Kimberly Ellefson 18 - Yvonne Wahlbeck 19 - Michelle Walker, David M Ulrich, Ann Bregier, Keadon Kempert, Alison Dennis 20 - Loren Voecks, Kyeser Klaven 21 -Mattea Bugge, 22 – Maryel Anderson, McKenzie Hintz 23 - David Vigen Scott Mostrom, Darlene Kelley, Emerson Carlson 24 - Korbyn Nessen 25 - Kathy Barry, Sharon Forsberg, Kaitlynn Swick, Sheyenne Johnson, Kallie houske **26** – Brock Borchardt, Jenae Johnson, Kim Hiemstra, Brayden Johnson 27 - Chad Berg 28 -Amanda Sjaaheim, Lynn Grahn, Carol Ihle, Don Hejlik 29 - Mary Jo Mugaas 30 -Gloria Erickson, John Erickson, Storm D Camp, Matthew Bauer

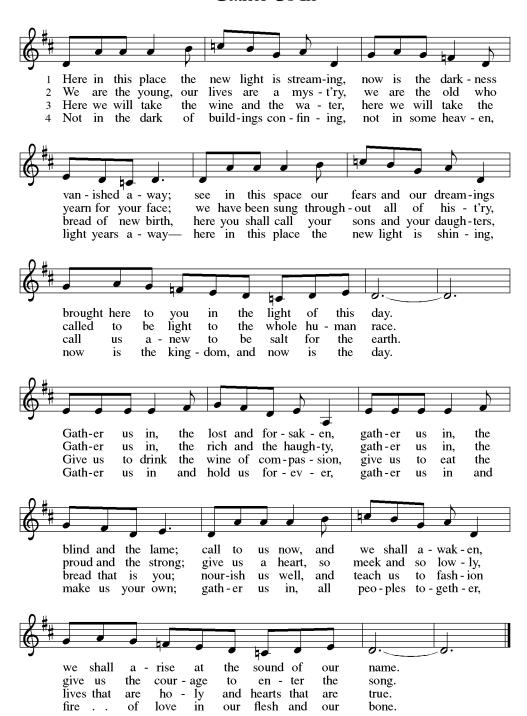
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Reid Froiland, organist/liturgist/choir director Chris Cuppett, cantor Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, and Dean Dalen, staff musicians Dave Ulrich, videographer

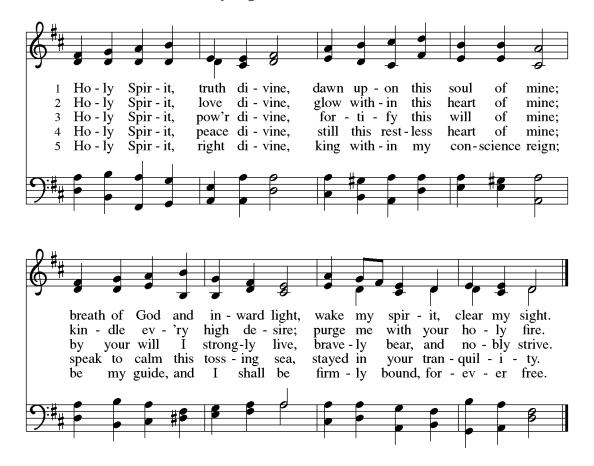
Gather Us In



O Day of Rest and Gladness

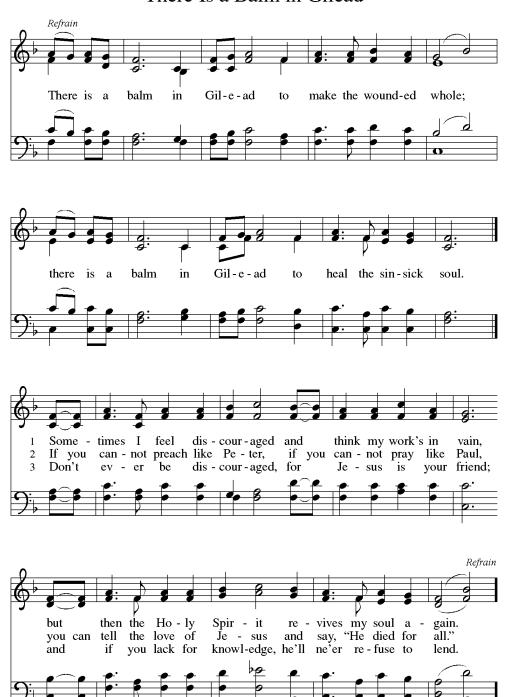


Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

There Is a Balm in Gilead



Thy Strong Word



- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, tongues thy mercy to proclaim, throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!