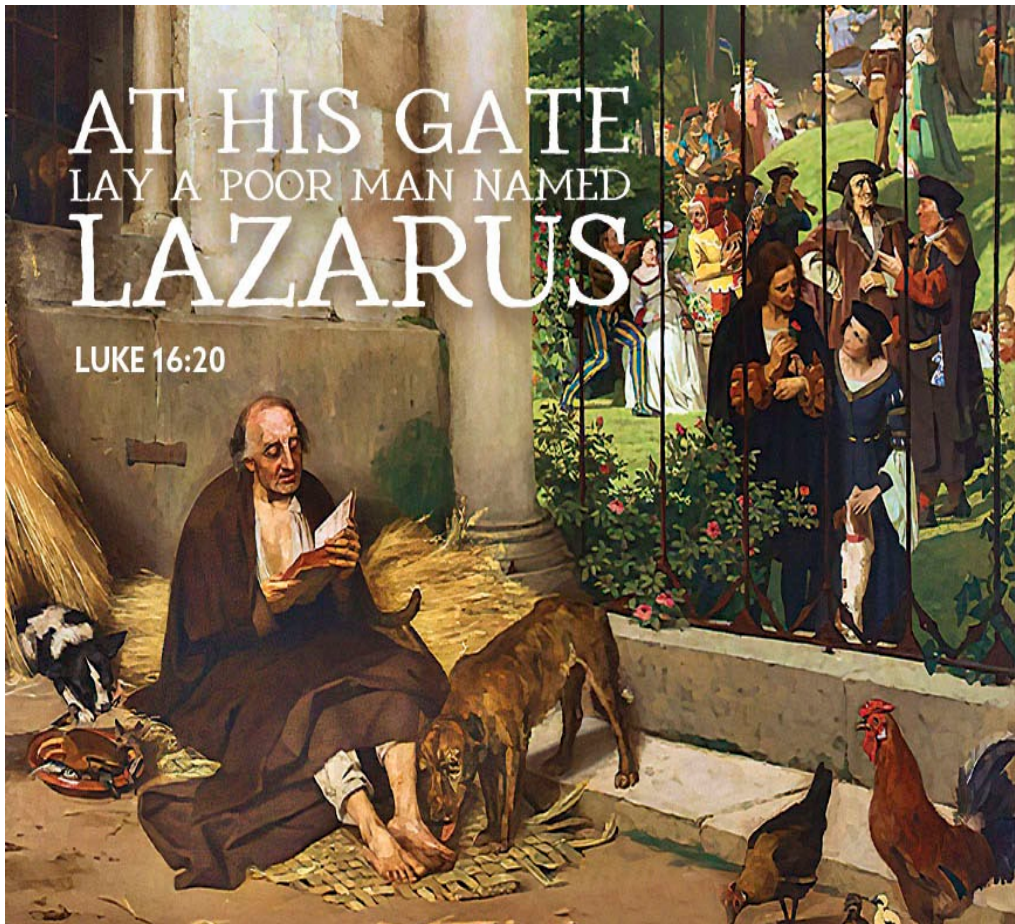




REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 28, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 3)

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

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,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

***Processional Hymn** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*
All face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

ELW #719



1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

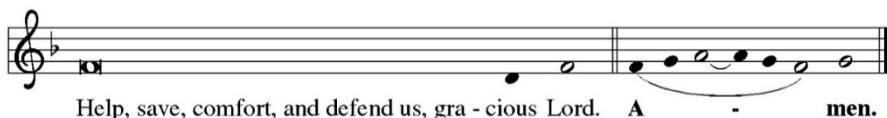
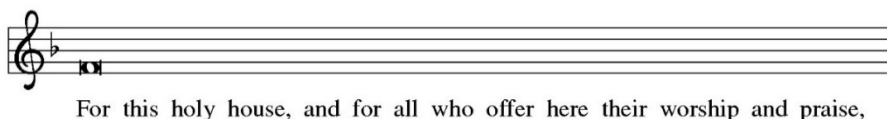
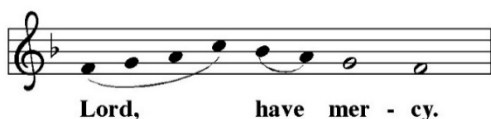
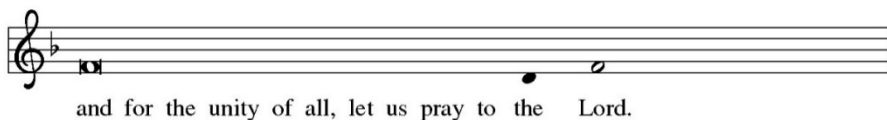
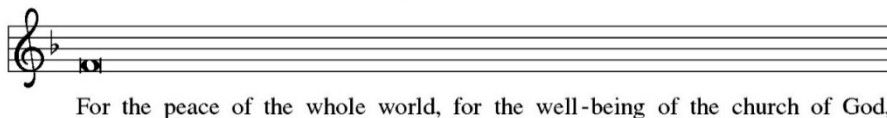
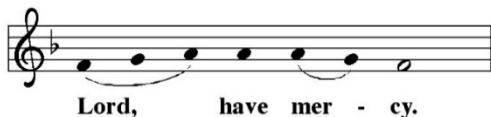
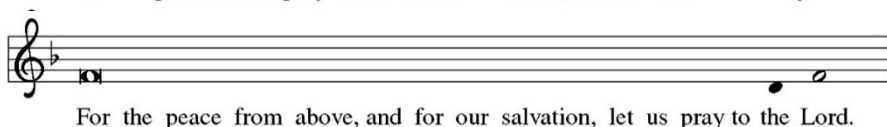
*Greeting

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

ELW p.138





Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God,

rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

Amos 6:1a,4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

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.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵ Happy 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 promises forever;

⁷ who 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 bowed down;**

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The 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!

Second Reading: Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good

confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

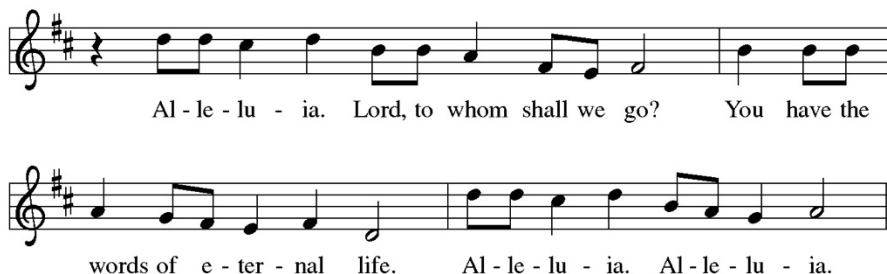
¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142



Gospel: Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

*Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named

Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷ He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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

Message

Rev. Birgitte Simpson

***Hymn of the Day**

Build a Longer Table

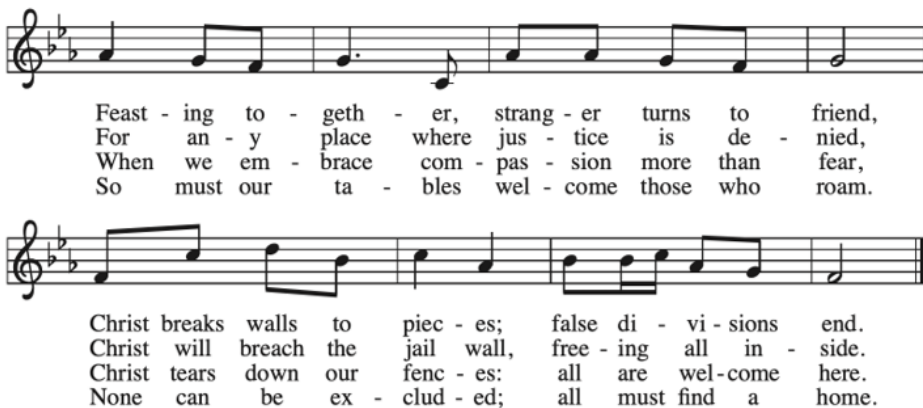
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1	Build	a	long - er	ta - ble,	not	a	high - er	wall,
2	Build	a	saf - er	ref - uge,	not	a	larg - er	jail;
3	Build	a	broad - er	door - way,	not	a	long - er	fence.
4	When	we	lived	as	ex - iles,	ref - u -	gees	a - broad,



feed - ing	those	who	hun - ger,	mak - ing	room	for	all.
where the	weak	find	shel - ter,	mer - cy	will	not	fail.
Love pro -	texts	all	peo - ple,	spar - ing	no	ex -	pense.
Christ be -	came	our	door - way	to	the	reign	of
							God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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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.**

***Peace**

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

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, **please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad.**

*Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #188

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.'

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***Prayers of the Church**

...God of grace,
receive our prayer.

***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

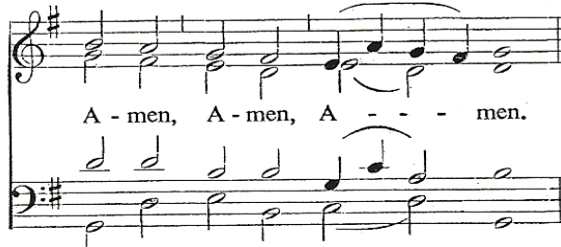


SENDING

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

***Blessing**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.



***Sending Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW #712

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



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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*Dismissal

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

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY 9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Rev. Birgitte Simpson, Mission Developer/Shelter Advocate/Pastor,
People's Church, Bemidji, MN

Acolytes:

Ushers: Ken Froschheiser and Jean Helle

Lector: Phyllis Johnson

Serving at the Altar: Kathy Carlson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Mark & Kathi Jenkins, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Mason Laidley, Joyce White, Dave Thompson, Sandra Sundahl, Cindy Hughes, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, and Fern Melbye.

Financial stewardship
2025 Budget
\$329,106.00
Needed monthly
\$27,425.50
Needed Weekly
\$6,328.96

Week Ending August 31, 2025
\$1,923.05
Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$4,405.91)

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

Altar flowers are given by
Nate and Dianne Stroh
In loving memory of
Donna Peterson.
Blessed is her memory.

Faith & Family Stewardship

Stewardship is so much more than money. But it is about money. Your use of money and your other possessions are an important part of your discipleship as a follower of Jesus. Some examples include time, talents, and money. Stewardship is about everything we do after we say, "I believe." Stewardship is a way of worship, and a faith practice of generosity.



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

9th Grade Confirmation Students – Confirmation pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st at 6pm.

The 35th annual HIA Hospice Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Monday, October 6th from 5-7pm. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

Attention Women of the ELCA – mark the following dates on your calendars.

October 4 – The Fall Gathering of the Conference 2 WELCA NWMN Synod will be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Middle River. This year's theme is "The Good Samaritan" Registration fee is \$10.00.

The Road Trip is Back—With New Dates! 🚗

We're hitting the road again this October, and we can't wait to see you! Bishop Bill and synod staff are traveling across Northwestern Minnesota for conversation, connection, and encouragement.

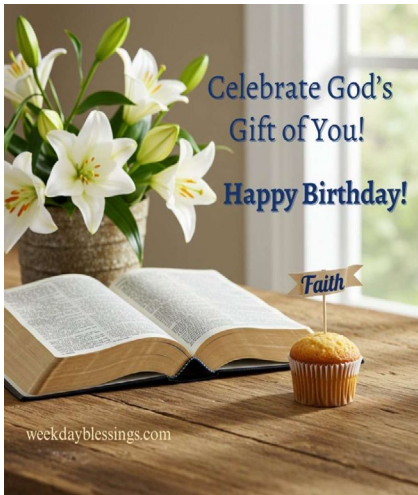
New Date & Location:

- **October 14** – 12 PM | *Trinity, Detroit Lakes* · 6 PM | *Redeemer, Thief River Falls*

Come join us at a stop near you for stories, sharing, and a chance to be part of what God is doing across our synod.

Youth – MercyMe is coming to the Alerus Center. If you are interested in going to the concert, please let the office know. Redeemer will pay \$25.00 of your ticket. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, October 1. The concert is Thursday, October 30th.

September Birthdays



1. Douglas Nomeland
3. April Scheinoha
4. Brandon Gehrls
Jason Svir
Ray Swick
6. Brady Bakken
7. Mike Conely
Brody Olson
8. Dick Krogstad
10. LaVonne F0rsberg
11. Cody Weinen
Isabela Nelson
12. Andi Efteland
Brooklyn Carlson
Jan Dillon
13. Tyson Gustafson
14. Scott DCamp
Teresa Fay
Alyssa Kasprick
Jami Philipp
15. Missy Hall
Cameron Dahlin
16. Anna Stroh
17. Beth Nordby-Pelletier
Pat Thibert
18. Susan Froiland
Chuck Odegaard
19. Chad Eckstein
20. Jacob Hall
Cole Johnson
22. Cheryl Srnsky
23. Kayleigh Jesme
24. Brody Poe
25. Annah Haugen
Kristen Bjerklie
Jordyn Kasprick
26. Richard Holmes
Marek Landgren
27. Baryth Halvorson
Rose Teie
Ken Niemela
28. Aaron Myers
Hailey Kvick
30. Olivia Schuster

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