

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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)

** = Please rise*

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn**

Awake My Soul, and with the Sun
(next page)

LBW #269

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



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

Water is poured into the baptismal font..

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.*

Isaiah 1:10-20

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals

my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;
rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?
¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land,
²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
² **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**
³ Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴ **God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵ “Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

⁶ **The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

²² Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver you.

²³ **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
I will show the salvation of God to those who go the right way.”**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

ELW #172

sing twice

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.' repeated twice. The first system shows the first two phrases, and the second system shows the final phrase. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The score is designed to be sung twice.

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

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

Hal - le - lu - jah.



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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Gospel: *Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

***Gospel:** Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***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**

Take Me Lord
sing twice

STS #41

Take me, Lord, I give to you,
everything and all I do!
My love, my life, is my offering
that I give to you.

***Offering Prayer**

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us through your spirit,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

***Prayers of the People**

...God of grace,
hear 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.



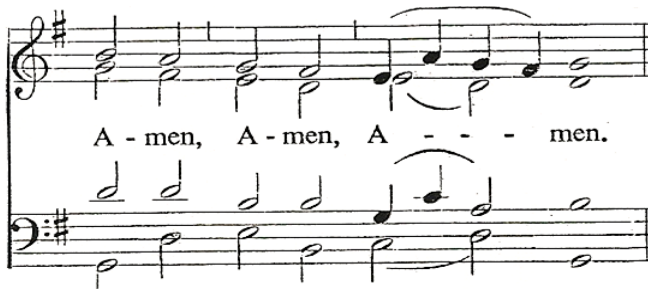
SENDING

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

***God's Word for the Church Today**

***Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.



***Sending Hymn**

Be Not Afraid

Journeysongs 2nd Ed. #706
(next pages)

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

***Dismissal**

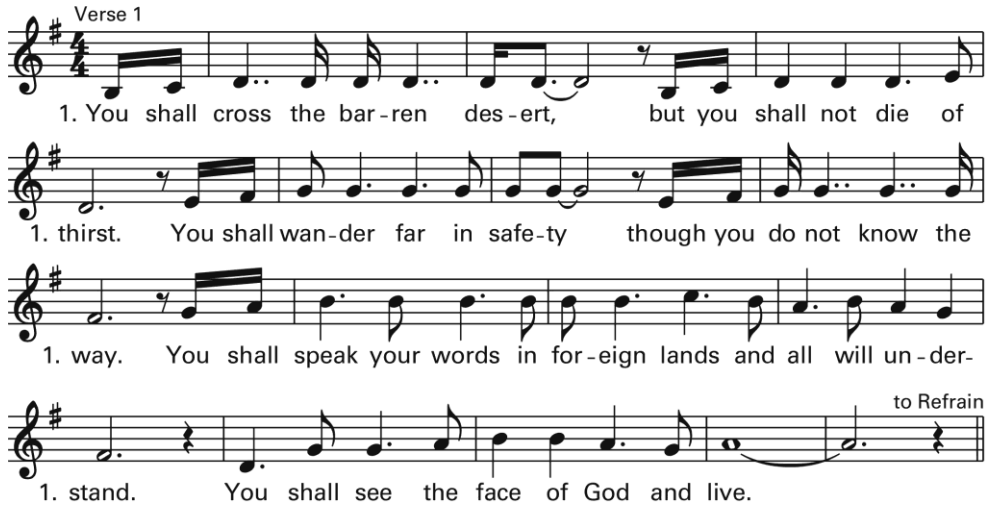
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

BE NOT AFRAID

Bob Dufford, SJ

Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
to Refrain
1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
me, and I will give you rest.

1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2



2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
2. side, know that I am with you through it all.

to Refrain

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BE NOT AFRAID (CONT. 2)

Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that

3. weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and

3. hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you!

to Refrain

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line and the instruction 'to Refrain'.

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Denice Nelson and Imogene Helle

Acolyte:

Lector: Janet Anderson

Communion Assistants:

Serving at the Altar: Phyllis Johnson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Sundahl, Cindy Hughes, Alan Johnson, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Sara LaFayette Valentine, Rocky and Barb Ammerman, Michelle Kasprick, Neil Erickson, Shari Safranski, Trevor Sorter, 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

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

Week Ending August 3, 2025
\$3,829.48
Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$2,499.48)

Altar flowers are given by
Rocky and Barb Ammerman
in loving memory of
Leslie Rogalla.

The newsletter will be available online at redeemtrf.org the first week of every month. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a printed copy in the mail, please let the office know.

Reminder to confirmation students – the books are in the office that you need for summer study. Please use the sign out sheet.

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