



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 5, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 3)

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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. Those who wish to may kneel.

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.

Water is poured into the baptismal font..

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**

Come to the Water of Life

ACS #955

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

Come to the Water of Life

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Come to the Water of Life'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written in treble clef. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated to fit the rhythm. The lyrics are: '1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for; 2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing, all who are thirst-y for touch; 3 All who are thirst-y for beau-ty, all who are thirst-y for truth; 4 All who are thirst-y for jus-tice, all who are thirst-y for peace; love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy, touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing, truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty, peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus-tice,'

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever
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*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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*Canticle of Praise

This Is the Feast

ELW p. 140

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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



*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Benevolent, merciful God,

when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,

and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

Psalms 37:1-9

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
² **For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
⁴ **Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.
⁶ **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil

schemes.

⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading: This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

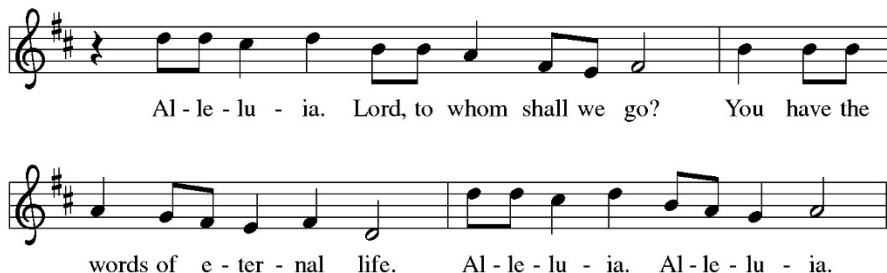
¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 142



Gospel: On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

***Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?

⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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.**

***Prayers of the People**

...God of grace,
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! 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

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #182



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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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*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.**

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

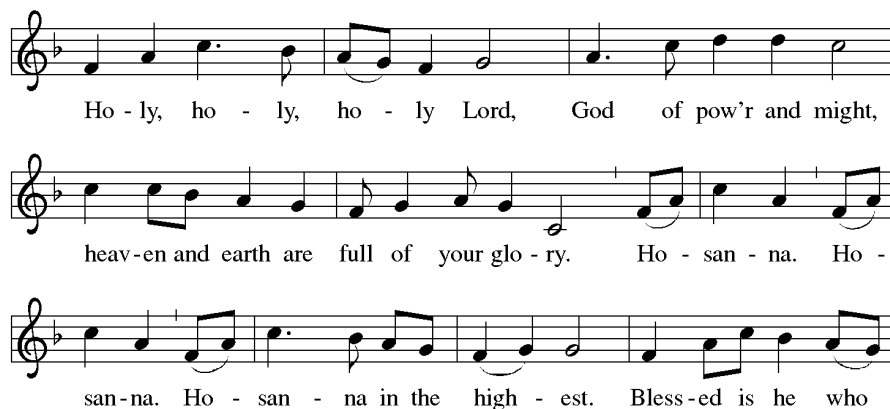
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

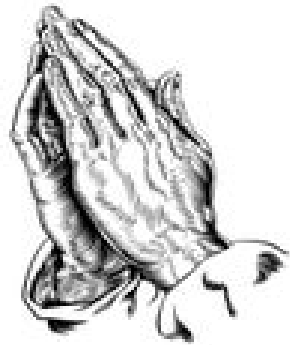


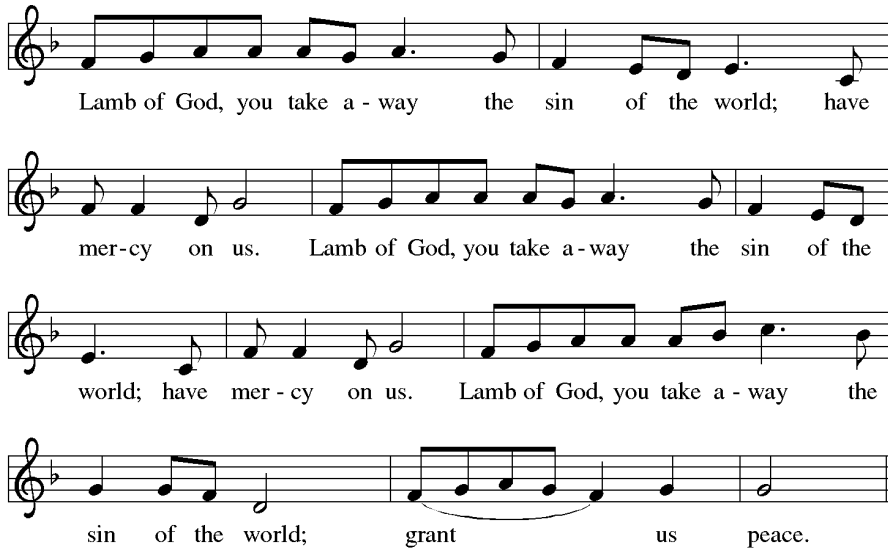
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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**





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.

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. 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.

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Refrain:

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more--
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord. **Refrain**

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray: **Refrain**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

Amen.

***Post-Communion Canticle**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

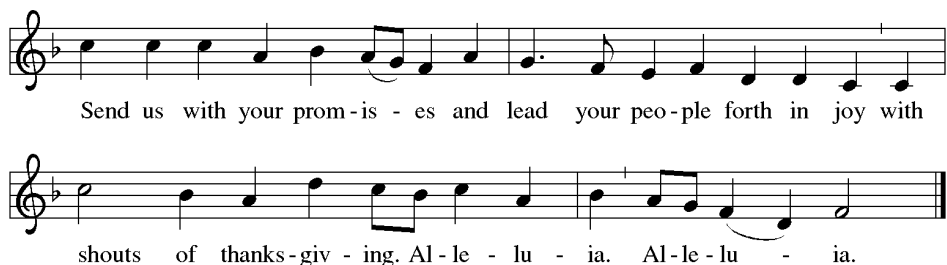
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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



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*Post Communion Prayer

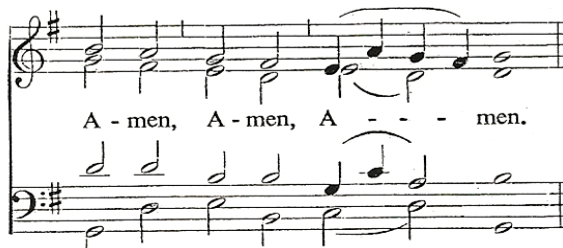
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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

Founded on Faith

ACS #1048

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



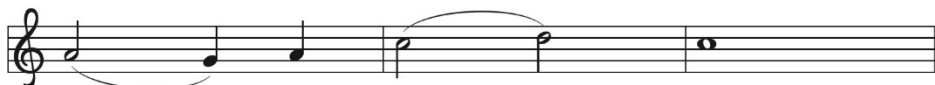
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

Music: FOUNDED ON FAITH, Paul D. Weber

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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. Stephanie White

Acolytes: Eva Eickman

Ushers: Ken Froschheiser and Deb Jacobson

Lector: Denice Nelson

Serving at the Altar: Kathy Carlson and Denice Nelson

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
\$1,526.05
Weekly Shortage/Overage
(\$4,802.91)

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

Altar flowers are given by
Dave A Ulrich
In loving memory of
William Ulrich.
Blessed is his 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.

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

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.

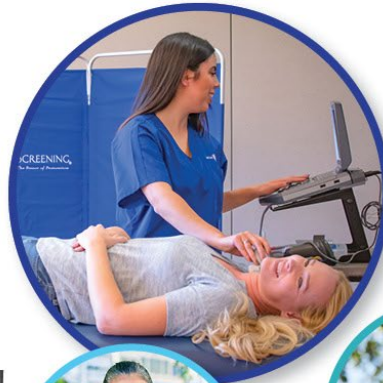
Youth – MercyMe is coming to the Alerus Center. If you are interested in going to the concert, please let the office know. Redeemer will pay \$25.00 of your ticket. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, October 1. The concert is Thursday, October 30th.

The Eve Circle is a new bible study group. It will begin on Thursday, October 9th at 7:30 pm in the Emmaus Room. Bring your bible and your Gather magazine. If you don't have the magazine yet, don't worry. We can share. See you there!

**Special screening package for
\$129 for our members includes:**

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

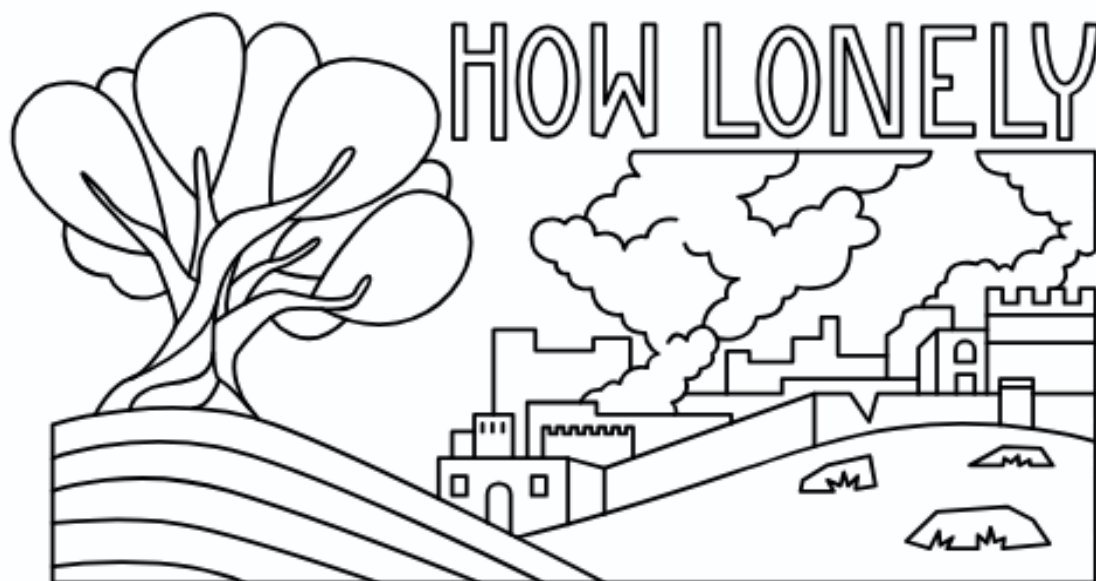
Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



Lifeline Screening will be here Sat., October 11th.

Congratulations to Pastor Steph on the birth of her granddaughter, Hannah Elizabeth on September 25. She weighed 7# 11ozs. And was 20" long.

HOW LONELY



SITS WITH
CITY



ONCE FULL OF
PEOPLE!

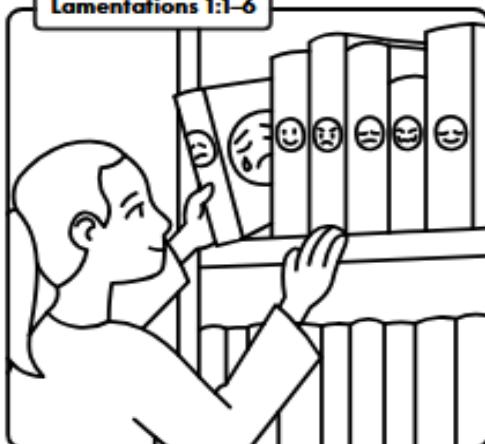
2. "How lonely is the city that was once full of people! Like a widow thrown into mourning, or a princess stolen from her throne, she weeps bitterly into the night. Tears stain her cheeks, yet no one is there to comfort her."



3. "Her friends have all deserted her, her people have been scattered with the wind. She wanders among the nations feeling lost and alone. Still, she finds no place to rest. Vulnerable and exhausted, she's overtaken by her enemies."



Lamentations 1:1-6



1. Our Bible is a library of books that capture some of the feelings and experiences of being human. One of these books, Lamentations, explores the big feelings of loss and injustice people felt after the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and the temple.



4. "The road once leading to the city mourns; her gates hang low with sadness. No one comes to visit; no one travels for the festivals—there are no more festivals! How lonely is the city that was once full of people."