

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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Order of Worship Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

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 today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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

\*Gathering Hymn

This Is My Father's World

ELW#824

## \*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,  $\pm$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

(Those who choose to may kneel.)

(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.)

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
against one another,
and against the earth entrusted to our care.
We are worried and distracted by many things,
and we fail to love you above all else.
We store up treasures for ourselves
and turn away from our neighbors in need.
Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news! **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

## \*Kyrie

L: ...let us pray to the Lord:

C:





## \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: 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.

# <u>WORD</u>

#### Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

#### Psalm 33:12-22

- <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- <sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- <sup>15</sup>God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- <sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- <sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- <sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our | hope in you.

### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"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. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Sermon Rev. Terri Cuppett

## \*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

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

## \*Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

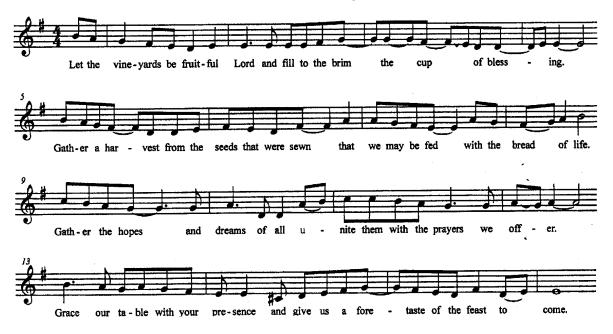
C: And also with you.

# <u>MEAL</u>

## 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.

# Let the Vineyards



## \*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.

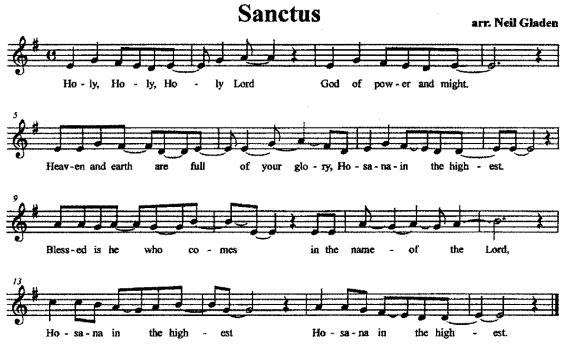
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

### \*Sanctus

L: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C:



\*Words of Institution

## \*Lord's Prayer











## **Distribution**

## \*Blessing

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

# **SENDING**

\*Benediction

#### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

#### Postlude

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Orley Gunderson Ushers: Angie Westling

Communion Minister: Kylie Westling

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist, Carol Ihle

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson Church Offering Bank Run: Brenda Poe

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (AUGUST 11)

Reader: John Wollenzien

Ushers: John Wollenzien and Eric Tjelle

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Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist, Carol Ihle

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Senior Choir Church Offering Bank Run: Denice Nelson

## ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 14)

Reader: Denice Nelson

Ushers: Dale and Denice Nelson Communion Ministers: Terri Cuppett

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Bev Thompson, Patsy Lindquist, Carol Ihle

Organist: Reid Froiland Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson Church Offering Bank Run: Brenda Poe

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<u>Our Mission Statement:</u> 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 THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7-14, 2019

Wednesday, August 7 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 11 9:30am Worship

Wednesday, August 14 6:30pm Worship with Holy Communion

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**In your prayers** this week please remember Annabelle Cuppett, Erika Kahlhamer, Jeremy Johnson, Brenda Russ, Chad Gunderson, Kelly Amundgaard, Jason Miller, Shelley Steva, and Molly Dahlin and family.

Altar flowers this day are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.

**Redeemer women, please mark your calendars** to attend the joint Bible Study with the women from Zion and Trinity Lutheran Churches, on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm in the Redeemer Fellowship Hall. Pastor Darrel will be leading the Bible Study. Come for food, fellowship, and fun!

**Redeemer Block Party** will be Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Yummy food and lots of activities for everybody in the family.

**Just a friendly reminder** to make sure you visit our website www.redeemertrf.org, we have plenty of information on how you can volunteer, newsletters, bulletins, our different programs, and you can also donate thru our website.

**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 Knutson or the church office.

A support group for people who are caregivers and/or family members of those

with dementia/Alzheimer's will be held the third Monday of each month at the Grand Stay hotel meeting room in Thief River Falls. This caregiver support group is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. It is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, please contact the facilitator Kari Jesme at 218-686-4487 or at kari.jesme@outlook.com.

Free services for seniors wishing to remain independent: The RSVP Groceries to go and Handyman Programs are vital services for seniors 60+ wishing to remain independently in their homes. G2G Volunteers shop for and deliver groceries or assist with shopping 2-4 times per month.

Handyman volunteers assist with minor home maintenance issues. Caring volunteers are ready to help you! Contact Tammy or Jennifer at 218-281-8288 or 800-862-6466, or e-mail tsyles@umn.edu or jkerdman@umn.edu.

If you are struggling with grief, please check the kiosk in the Narthex for various grief support groups being offered by Hospice of the Red River Valley.

#### **Second Quarter Financial Status**

2019	Jan-March	April	May	June
Budget Income	\$73,324.74	\$ 24,441.58	\$24,441.58	\$24,441.58
Actual Income	\$55,207.61	\$ 23,090.04	\$16,322.19	\$16,238.10
Budget Expense	\$73,324.74	\$ 24,441.58	\$24,441.58	\$24,441.58
Actual Expense	\$55,757.48	\$ 22,231.96	\$20,530.28	\$18,595.20