

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

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Order of Worship

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September 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

*Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.*

*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**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW#798

**\*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, † one God,  
the strength of our ancestors,  
the host of this meal,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

*(Those who choose to may kneel.)*

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

God our helper,  
**we confess the many ways  
we have failed to live as your disciples.  
We have not finished what we began.  
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.  
We have been captivated by our possessions.  
Lift our burdens, gracious God.  
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.  
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

Remember you are baptized.  
Put your trust in these promises:  
God will never leave you or forsake you.  
You who were lost have been found.  
For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen**

*(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)*

*(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**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW #172

## \*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus  
our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of  
your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the  
sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we  
may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your  
love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my  
brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your  
duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as  
an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for  
my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

<sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to  
me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him  
with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment  
for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that  
your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the  
reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back  
forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—  
especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**\*Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Darrel Cory

**Hymn of the Day**

*Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

ELW#696

## **\*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.**

## **MEAL**

### **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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful Lord and fill to the brim the cup of bless - ing.



Gath-er a har - vest from the seeds that were sewn that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all u - nite them with the prayers we off - er.



Grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### \*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.**

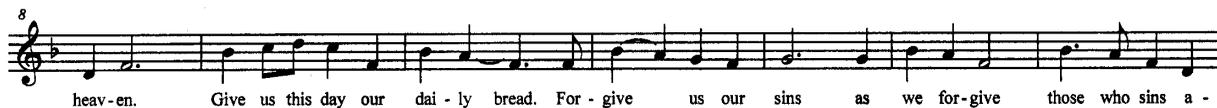
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



## \*Lord's Prayer

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## 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

### \*Sending Hymn

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #661

## **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

**C. Thanks be to God!!!**

## Postlude

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Reader: Angie Westling

Ushers: David and Linda Ulrich

Acolytes: Paul Anderson and Spencer Hempel

Communion Ministers: Denice Nelson, Chris Burnham, Open

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Susan Brekke

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: LeeAnn Lund

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 8)

Reader: Chris Cuppett

Ushers: Janet Fisher

Acolyte/Crucifer: Landon and Zachary Wikert

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Susan Brekke

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Expo Sunday

Church Offering Bank Run: Linda Olson

### ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 11)

Reader: Paula Adamson

Ushers: Carter and Leslie Rogalla

Communion Ministers: Cindy Dally, Stacy Davidson, Open

Serving at the Altar (Altar Guild): Renae Dalen, Susan Brekke

Musicians: Greg Dally, Paula Adamson

Church Offering Bank Run: LeeAnn Lund

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**Our Mission Statement:** 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 September 4-11,2019

|                         |  |   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Wednesday, September 4  | 6:30pm   | Worship with Holy Communion   |
| Saturday, September 7   | 9:30am   | Acolyte training  |
| Sunday, September 8     | 8:15am<br>9:30am<br>10:30am  | Senior Choir Rehearsal<br>Worship with Holy Communion<br>Confirmation meeting<br>Expo                                       |
| Monday, September 9     | 9am-12pm<br>6-8pm  | Quilting  |
| Tuesday, September 10   | 9am-12pm<br>10:00am<br>6-8pm<br>7:00pm   | Quilting<br>Martha Unit at Valley Home<br>Quilting<br>Ruth Unit at Linda Ulrich home<br>Hannah Unit at Diedre Nordin home   |
| Wednesday, September 11 | <b>Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship</b><br>5:15pm<br>5:15-6:15pm<br>5:45pm<br>6:30pm | Expo, light meal will be served<br>6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation<br>BLAST<br>Worship with Holy Communion |

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In your prayers** this week please remember Larry Forsberg, 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 by Christine Burnham in memory of her parents, Otto and Vera Burnham.

**Blessing of the Backpacks:** All school-age children are invited to bring their backpacks to the Wednesday, September 11 service. We will be blessing backpacks for the school year during the service.

**A charitable-giving informational session** will be held after worship on Sunday September 22, 2019 in the Emmaus Room. Discussion leaders will be Pat Thibert and Tom Kays. The tax law passed in 2018 has made giving to the church very

challenging. There are ways to be generous and benefit, tax-wise. Topics to be discussed - giving appreciated securities, and the use of QCD from your RMD out of your IRA.

**See You at the Pole will be Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.** This is an annual gathering of thousands of Christian students at a flagpole in front of their local schools for prayer, scripture-reading and worship, during the early morning before school starts. High schoolers meet at the Evangelical Free Church and Middle Schoolers meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 7:00 a.m. for donuts and wonderfulness! After hanging out, walk over to the schools to pray around the pole.

**Redeemer delivers Meals on Wheels** on October 7-11th; we need 3 drivers per day. Signup sheet is in the narthex; thank you for your help.

**The 29th Annual Hospice Spaghetti Dinner** will be on Monday, October 7th from 5-7 p.m. There will be a sign up for donations and volunteers in the church narthex soon!

**Just a friendly reminder** to make sure you visit our website [www.redeemertrf.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tsyles@umn.edu) or [jkerdman@umn.edu](mailto: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-June   | July        |
|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Budget Income  | \$73,324.74 | \$73,324.74  | \$24,441.58 |
| Actual Income  | \$55,207.61 | \$ 55,650.33 | \$13,604.32 |
| Budget Expense | \$73,324.74 | \$73,324.74  | \$24,441.58 |
| Actual Expense | \$55,757.48 | \$ 61,357.44 | \$14,632.08 |