

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 8, 2019

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 1)
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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

***Processional Hymn**

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

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

***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.**

(Water is poured into the baptismal font.)

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.

(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.

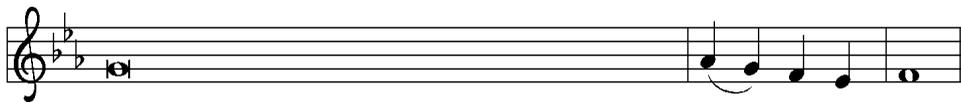
C: And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



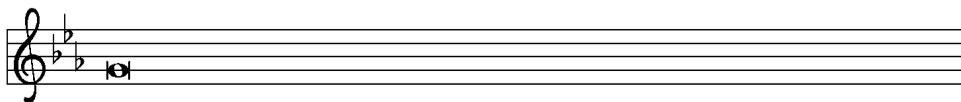
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



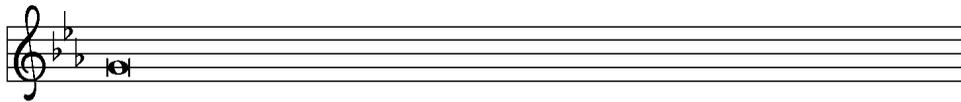
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***Hymn of Praise**

All Glory Be to God on High

ELW #410

***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

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If 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. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I 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. ¹⁹I 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, ²⁰loving 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1



The tone is played once; all hum the tone once; then the psalm is chanted responsively.

¹Happy 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!

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

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

⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

Philemon 1-21

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

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of
your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the

sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet 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. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

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

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

L: The word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

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

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“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. ²⁷Whoever
does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For 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? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation
and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This
fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or 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? ³²If
he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for
the terms of peace. ³³So 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.**

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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.

***Prayers of the Church**

P: ...Lord in your mercy,

C: 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.

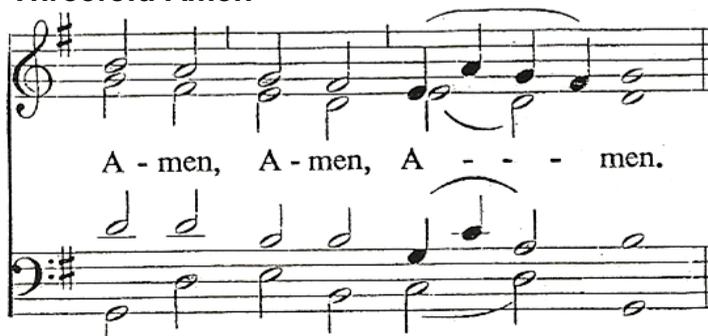
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

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

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**



A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

***Sending Hymn**

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate
All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.

ELW #722

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!!

C. Thanks be to God!!!

Postlude

Please join us for the Congregational Expo in the Fellowship Hall following worship!

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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 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

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY NEXT SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 15)

Reader: John Wollenzien

Ushers: Harold and Sue Dupree

Acolyte/Crucifer:

Communion Ministers: Tom Kays, Janet Fisher, Jan Anderson

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

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Sunday Coffee Fellowship: Quilters

Church Offering Bank Run: Linda Olson

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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 8-15, 2019

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

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 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 25th. 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, 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-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