

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 27, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship

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Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

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)

TFF = This Far by Faith

* = Please rise

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn

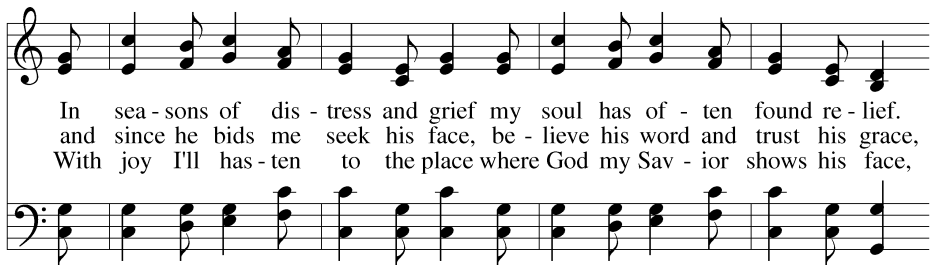
Sweet Hour of Prayer

TFF #242

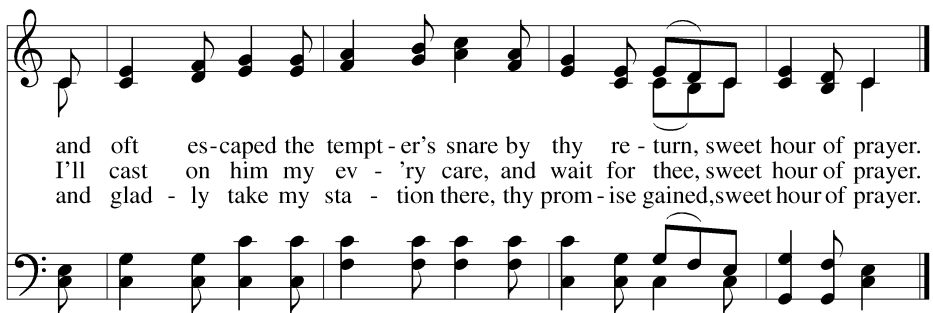
1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.
to him whose truth and faith-ful-ness en-gage the wait-ing soul to bless;
till from Mount Pis-gah's loft-y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief my soul has of-ten found re-lief.
and since he bids me seek his face, be-lieve his word and trust his grace,
With joy I'll has-ten to the place where God my Sav-ior shows his face,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.
I'll cast on him my ev-'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
and glad-ly take my sta-tion there, thy prom-ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772–1850, alt.
Music: SWEET HOUR, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*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..

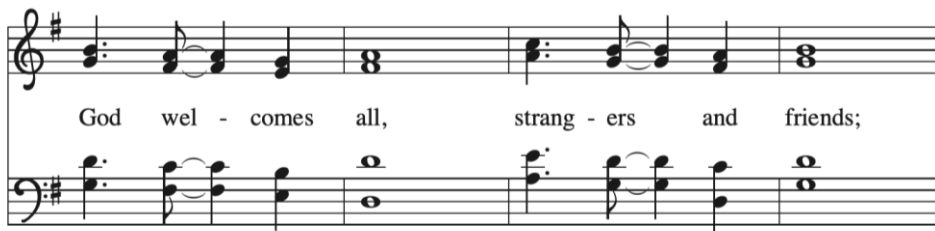
You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

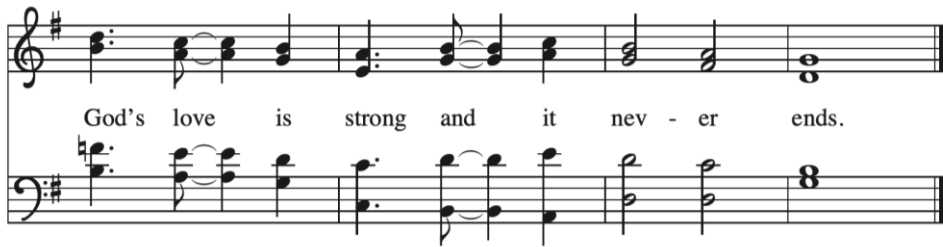
***Sharing the Peace**

God Welcomes All

ACS #978

Sing 4 times; share a sign of the peace with each other while singing.





Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Almighty and ever-living God,

you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *Hosea's marriage to a faithless wife symbolizes Israel's faithlessness toward God. Even the names of Hosea's children—Jezreel (where Israel's idolatrous kings were killed), Lo-ruhamah ("not pitied"), and Lo-ammi ("not my people")—announce the nation's coming doom, countered by the proclamation that Israel remains a child of the living God.*

Hosea 1:2-10

² When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." ³ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴ And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of

the house of Israel. ⁵ On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

⁶ She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷ But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalms 85

¹ You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

² **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
and blotted out all their sins.**

³ You have withdrawn all your fury
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

⁴ **Restore us then, O God our Savior;
let your anger depart from us.**

⁵ Will you be displeased with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger from age to age?

⁶ **Will you not give us life again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

⁸ **I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their
hearts
to you.**

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ **Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;**

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² **The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.**

¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
sing twice

ELW #172

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.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: *In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

***Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

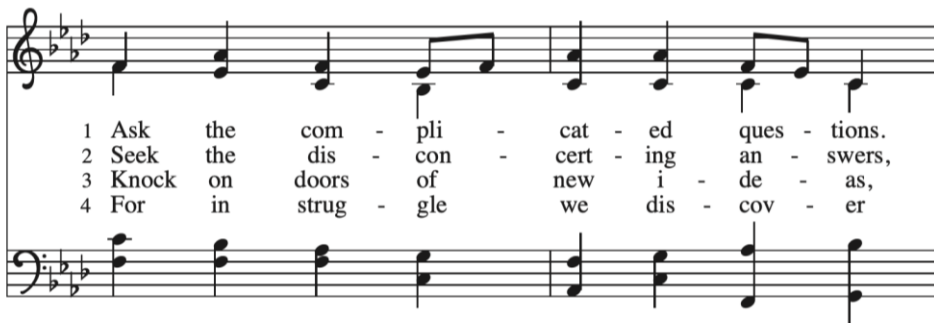
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵ And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷ And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

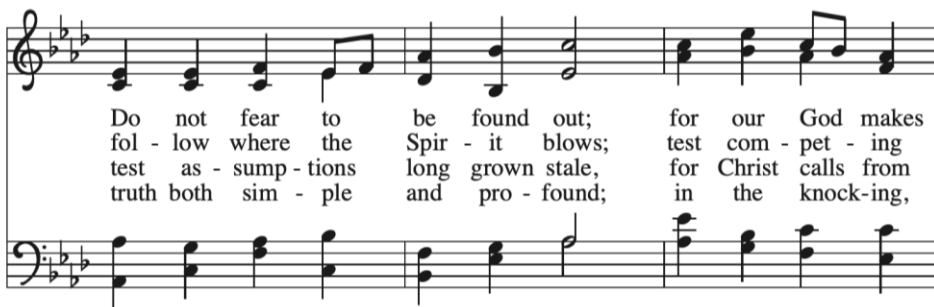
⁹ "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.


Praise to you, O Christ.



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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***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.

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**

BlessingGlory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

ACS #1087

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

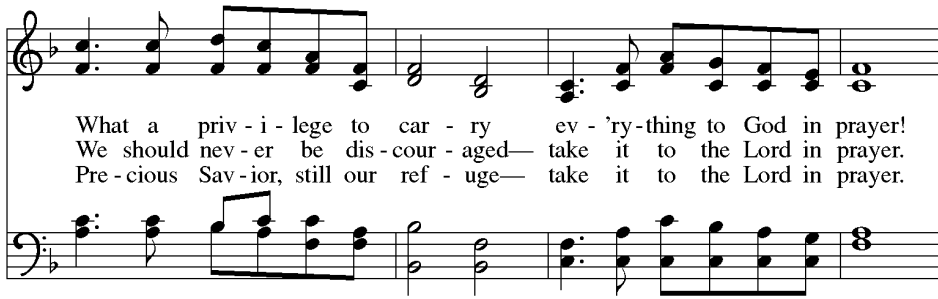
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri
Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile
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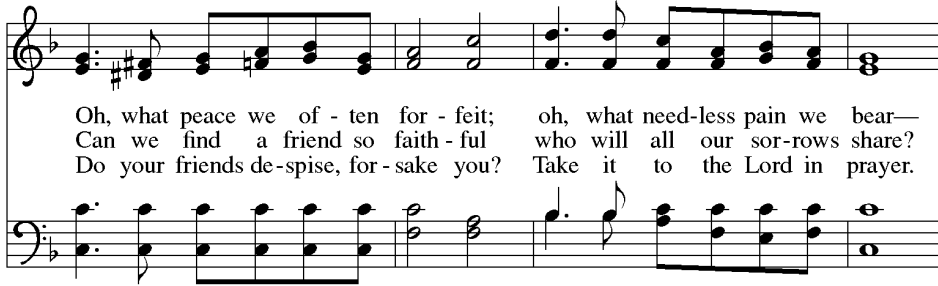
Sending HymnWhat a Friend We Have in Jesus*

ELW #742

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav-y - lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

*Dismissal

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

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, JULY 27

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Denice Nelson and Deb Jacobson

Acolyte:

Lector: Deb Jacobson

Communion Assistants:

Serving at the Altar: Becky Smith

Musicians: Paula Adamson, Greg Dally, Dean Dalen, Reid Froiland, Chris Cuppett

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Sunsdahl, 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

**Altar flowers are given by
Bev and Dave Thompson in
memory of Bev's parents,
Forrest and LaVonne
Ammerman.**

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

The newsletter will be available online at redeemertrf.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.



July Birthdays

July Birthdays –

1 – 2 – Jason Schuster, Virginia Stensrud, Roger Forsberg, Francis Martell **3** Linda Ulrich, Olivia Maas, Cheri Benter **4** – United States of America **5** – Kristina Thompson, Diane Johnson **6 - 7** – Ryker Beito, Kaitlyn Norlin **8** – Casey Heimstras **9** – Madisyn Olson **10** – Erik Brateng, Rylin Nessen **11** – Marah Froiland, Chloe Lund, Jason Dennis, Liza Bjerklie **12 – 13 – 14** – Tanya Harbott, Andrew McClenahan **15 – 16 – 7** – David Mugaas **18** – Parker Milender, Abbie Houske **19** – Allen Melbye **20** – Matthew Wilson, Claire Schuster **21 – 22** – Awbree Lunsetter, Clay Nelson, Tyler Miller, Whitney Jacobson **23** – Jeff Davidson, Joe Cornelius, Jarin Newland **24** – Barb Forsberg, Rocky Ammerman **25** – Alan Johnson, Barry Froiland **26** – Oskar Anderson, Stevie Nordby, Sharon Fugelberg, Diane Schoon **27** – George Norlin **28** – Carol Gustafson, Joseph Ihle **29** – Hailey Rogalla, Lynda Raymond **30** – Taelyn Pray, Myron Peterson, **31** – Tegan Pray, Ron Rondorf

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