



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 3, 2025, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 3, 2025

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

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

***Gathering Hymn**

Seek Ye First

WOV #783

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 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.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Let us pray...Benevolent God,

you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

First Reading: *Hosea compares God's love for Israel to the love parents have for their children. Whether teaching toddlers to walk or dealing with a child's rebellion, good parents continue to love their children as they try to lead them to life. In the same way, God's love will not let Israel go.*

Hosea 11:1-11

- ¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.
- ² The more I called them,
the more they went from me;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,
and offering incense to idols.
- ³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,
I took them up in my arms;
but they did not know that I healed them.
- ⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness,
with bands of love.
I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.
- ⁵ They shall return to the land of Egypt,
and Assyria shall be their king,
because they have refused to return to me.
- ⁶ The sword rages in their cities,
it consumes their oracle-priests,
and devours because of their schemes.

⁷ My people are bent on turning away from me.
To the Most High they call,
but he does not raise them up at all.

⁸ How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

⁹ I will not execute my fierce anger;
I will not again destroy Ephraim;
for I am God and no mortal,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come in wrath.

¹⁰ They shall go after the LORD,
who roars like a lion;
when he roars,
his children shall come trembling from the west.

¹¹ They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,
and like doves from the land of Assyria;
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

Psalm 1107:1-9, 43

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³ gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴ **Some wandered in desert wastes;
they found no path to a city where they might dwell.**

⁵ They were hungry and thirsty;
their spirits languished within them.

⁶ **Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,**

and you delivered them from their distress.

⁷ You led them on a straight path
to go to a city where they might dwell.

⁸ **Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

⁹ For you satisfy the thirsty soul
and fill the hungry with good things.

⁴³ **Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the LORD's steadfast love.**

***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 - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

***Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Possessions vs. God

Rev. Stephanie White



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Source of pur - est plea - sure, Tru - est
 2 In thine arm I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me Can - not
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, For the Lord of glad - ness, Je - sus,

friend to me: Ah, how long I've pant - ed, And my heart has
 reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be
 en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, Though the storms may

faint - ed, Thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot-less Lamb;
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
 gath - er, Still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,

I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, Nought I ask be - side thee.
 With their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 Still in thee lies pur - est plea-sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

***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,
hear 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 #181

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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***Offering Prayer**

Creator God,
**in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

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



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.

Hymns during Distribution

Break Now the Bread of Life

LBW #235

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

The image shows the first system of a hymn tune. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with the same key signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four different versions of the text provided for different parts of the congregation.

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

*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.**

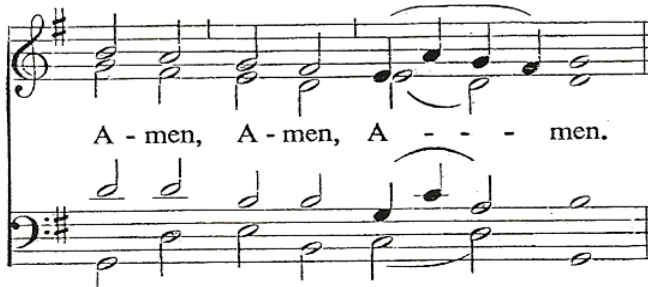
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***God's Word for the Church Today**

***Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.



***Sending Hymn**

All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW #757

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

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Ushers: Ken Froschheiser and Dave Ulrich

Acolyte:

Lector: Rev. Terri Cuppett

Communion Assistants: Jan Anderson and Jane Aandal

Serving at the Altar: Denice Nelson

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Sandra Sundahl, 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
John Vincent and family in
loving memory of Mary
Vincent.**

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.

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