

# **Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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## **Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

August 24, 2025

Welcome!

May our hearts be open to our creator and to one another as we share in worship together.

Pastor Del Strecker, Transition Pastor  
Tom Mertz and Mary Bridges, PMA's  
Ruth Mirtz, Organist

Anne Metcalfe, Director of Music

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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.**

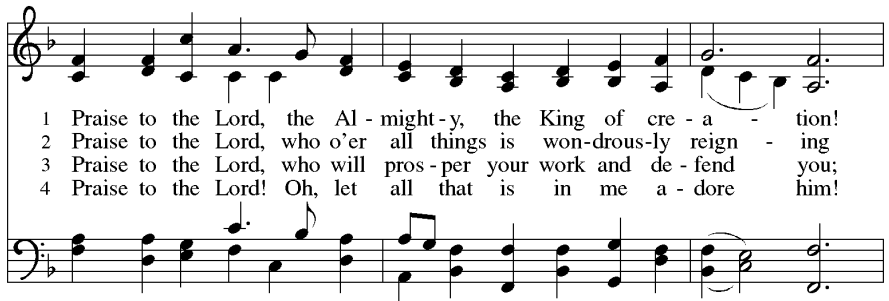
**Amen.**

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.

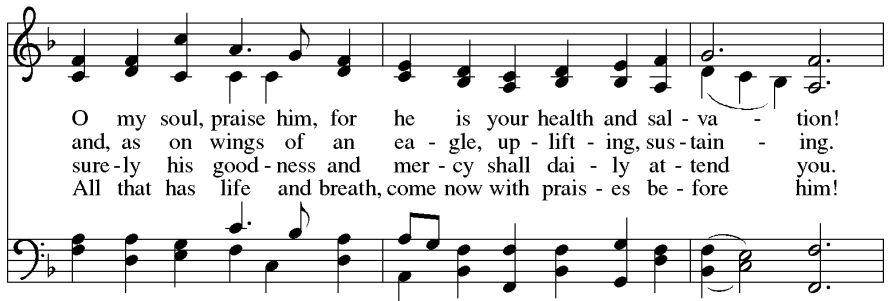
**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (ELW 858)**

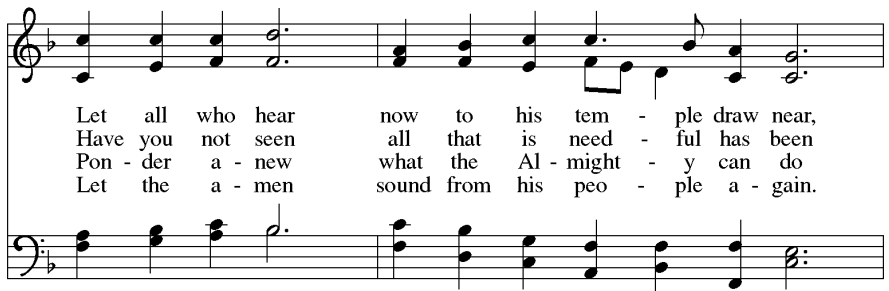
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



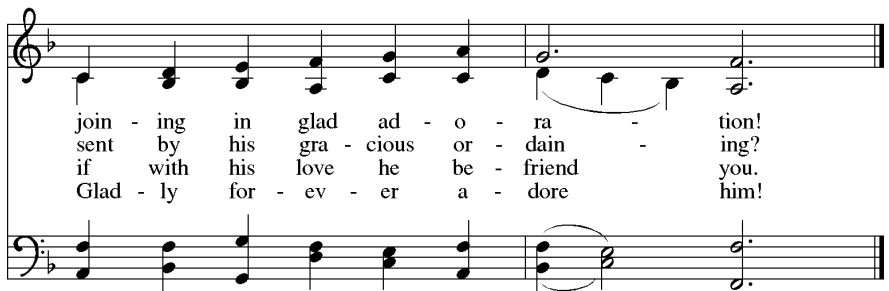
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



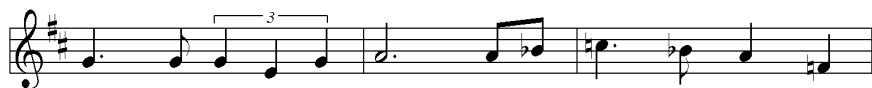
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

**☐** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**I** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
**II**

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

**☐** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9b-14**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; <sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 103:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

<sup>3</sup> He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

<sup>4</sup> **he redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**

<sup>5</sup> he satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and <sup>1</sup> of great kindness.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-29**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,

<sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was

given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have

come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the



mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR DEL**

# God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## **HYMN OF THE DAY *God Is Here!* (ELW 526)**

### **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.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

**Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.**

**You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders, church council and transition team as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

**You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.**

**Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness especially Tom Mertz, Marge Hansen, Alicia Miller, AJ Conley, Wayne and Dorothy Hanke, Jerome Herrman, Zach Swanson, Beverly Alstatt, Sandra Anderson, Larry Shulda, Sue Jacobson, Dawn Seymour, Susan Burkland, Wallace Cox, Will Biggs, Cody Larson, Darla Personney. We lift up Eric Blomberg and Tanner Gibson who are serving in the military. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With Bartholomew and all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

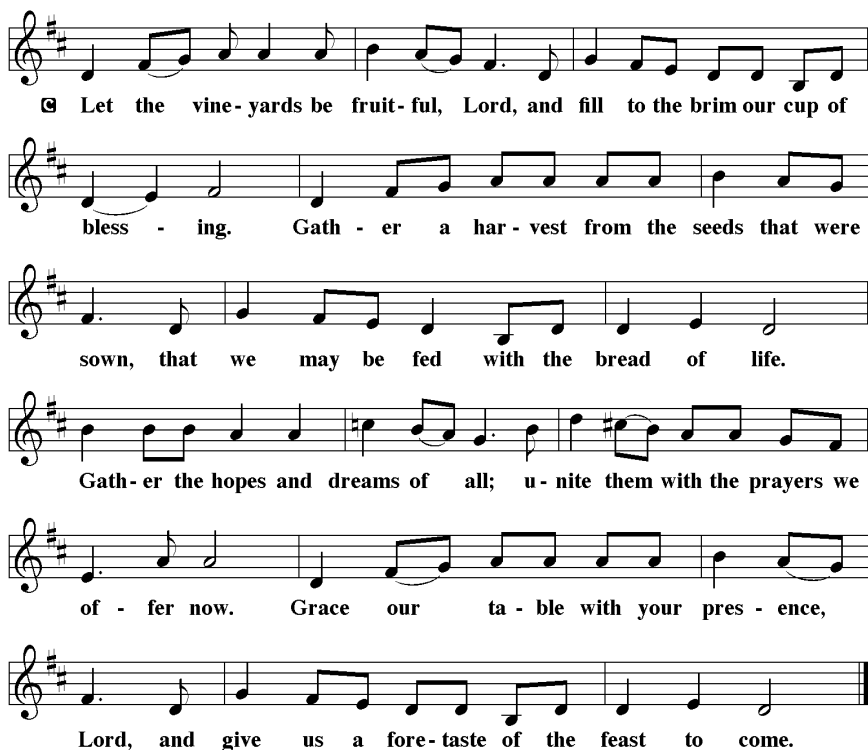
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

## OFFERING

## OFFERING MUSIC

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

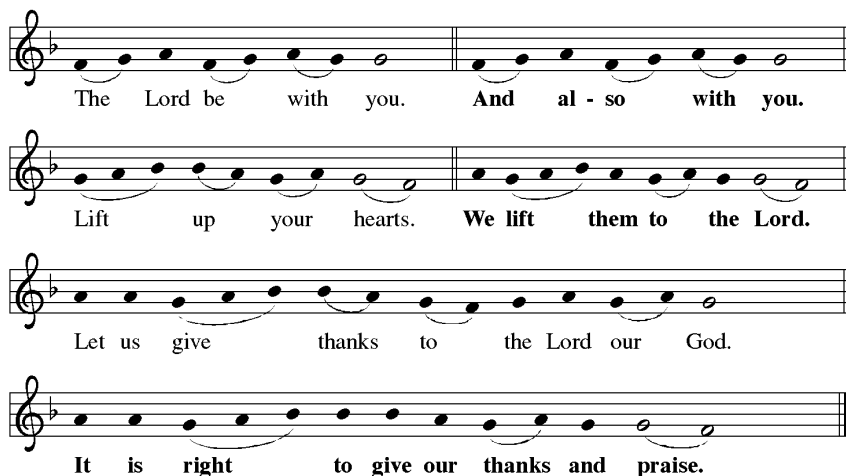
Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the

earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.



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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**  
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

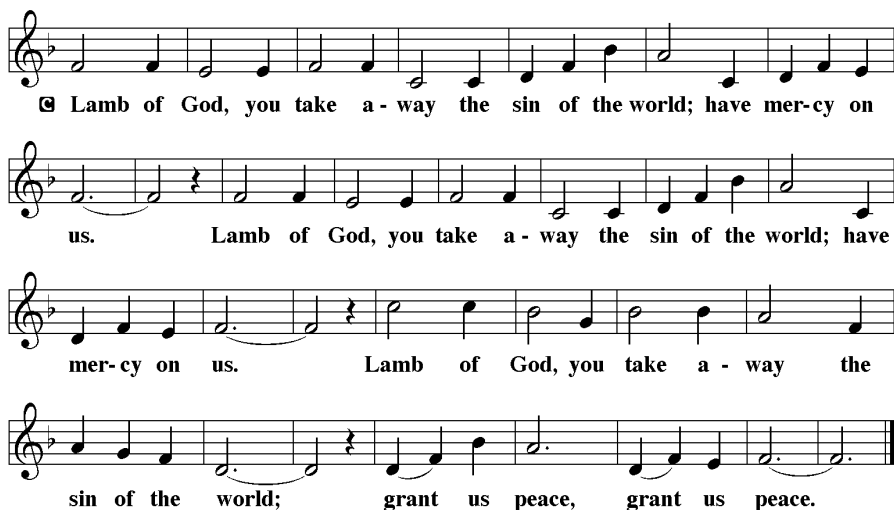
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are they who are called to his supper.

**O Christ, our Good Shepherd, be among us this day in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.**

## COMMUNION HYMN



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## TABLE BLESSING

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

# SENDING HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;  
 my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand,"  
 your dress to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**The Education Committee** is looking for someone to teach in the Godly Play Wednesday evening program.

Talk to Sheila Alstatt or Debbie Beckman.

**Bible Study on Angels** following worship today.

**Blessing of Backpacks:** Today there will be a blessing of backpacks, students, teachers and school personnel.

**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday** is September 7, 2025 and is being hosted by Immanuel Lutheran. There will be joint worship at Immanuel, so no worship here at Redeemer. Details on last page of today's bulletin.

**Godly Play:** Godly Play will begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday School** will start up again in September. Sunday School will be the third Sunday of each month beginning on September 21.

**Confirmation Class** will begin on September 21 and will meet on the third and fourth Sunday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

### **Schedule for the week**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025:** 8:30 – Alter Guild, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship, Blessing of Backpacks, students and education staff; Angel's Bible study following worship.

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025:** Committee Meetings 5:00 p.m.

## **Partners in Ministry**

## **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

Greeter: Mike Ramage and Joe Plumer

Ushers: Gary and Sue Mettlen

Lector: Ray Beckman

Communion: Kris Neff

Sound : Kyle Tonniges

## **Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Greeter: Ray and Debbie Beckman

Ushers: Jan Jackson and Debbie Beckman

Lector: Phil Sedo

Communion: Sam Neff

Sound : Kris Neff

**Sunday, September 7, 2025:** God's Work, Our Hands at  
Immanuel Lutheran

## **Sunday, September 10, 2025**

Greeters: Dan and Kahlan Metcalfe

Ushers: Lana Jordan and Mike Ramage

Lector: Kris Neff

Communion: Viv Cook

Sound: Perry Jurgensen

## **Prayer Requests**

**MEMBERS:** Tom Mertz, Marge Hansen, Alicia Miller,

## **REDEEMER FRIENDS**

AJ Conley(Cousin of Scott Itschner)

Wayne and Dorothy Hanke (Parents of Debbie Beckman)

Jerome Herrman (Nephew of Charlotte and Dave  
Herrman)

Zach Swanson(Grandson of Sandi and Tom Drown)

Beverly Alstatt ((Mother of Craig Alstatt)

Sandra Anderson, (Cecelia Anderson's daughter-in-law)

Wallace Cox (Father of Becky Shulda)

Larry Shulda (Husband of Becky Shulda)  
Sue Jacobson (Sister of Wayne Keeler)  
Dawn Seymour (Daughter of Wayne Keeler)  
Will Biggs (Charlotte and Dave Herrman's son-in-law)  
Cody Larson (Brother-in-law of Jordan and Zach Burkholder)  
Darla Personney (Friend of Sheila Alstatt)  
Susan Burkland (Sister of Kathy Heinrich)

## **MILITARY**

Eric Blomberg, USS Laboon (Nephew of Mary Schaffer)  
Tanner Gibson Hill AFB, Ogden UT (Great-Nephew to Cecelia Anderson)

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**Sunday September 7** is "God's Work, Our Hands."  
Immanuel Lutheran Church will host a joint worship service at 9:30 am. There will be no worship service at **Redeemer** on that Sunday. After worship, the service project is to assemble and deliver goodie bags to our congregations' shut-ins and elderly. The supplies are being

purchased by the churches. After assembly, we will split up into teams, each having at least one person from each congregation, and deliver the bags according to where recipients live and not which church they attend. We also ask that the teams not only deliver the bags but also take some time to sit down and visit with recipients. The goal is to promote community between the members of the three churches both through the combined teams and the interaction with the shut-ins. To make this work in a reasonable time frame, we need about 15 volunteers from each church to do the deliveries. If you wish to participate in the deliveries, please tell Tom Mertz (voice mail or text msg 785-577-9456; email [tom.mertz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tom.mertz@sbcglobal.net)) by Sunday August 31, giving your name, church, and mobile number.