# 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 (DIVINE SERVICE 4)

# 8:00 AND 11:00

WELCOME GUESTS If you're looking for a church home, we hope you'll consider Redeemer. Check out the resources on the information cart, the library in the narthex, or www.redeemerlutheran.net. If you have questions about this congregation or about the Lutheran Church, feel free to ask an usher or the Pastor. Please fill out a fellowship card (found in this worship bulletin) and drop it in today's collection plate, providing a phone number and e-mail address. To offer a special public thanksgiving prayer or for those in need, please fill out a blue "Prayer Card" found in the narthex. Give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. Large print versions of this bulletin are available upon request at the ushers' station. Thank you for worshiping with us.

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION - It is when we come to God in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind that we receive the greater comfort of the Gospel. It is when we are made mindful of our sins that we can pray with David the more earnestly, Pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. This is because whoever does not bear his cross and come after Christ cannot be His disciple. As Christ was a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, so also must we learn under the burdens which humiliate and wound us. Thus if even father and mother and wife and children despise us for believing, we ought not despair; let nothing stand between us and the Crucified; not even if we must be crucified with Him. For faith which persists in calling upon Him as, for example, the Canaanite woman did, is refined in the crucible of suffering, when it has in its prayers the word and promise of God. For the secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.

Burnell F. Eckhart, Jr., "Every Day Will I Bless Thee," Page. 141

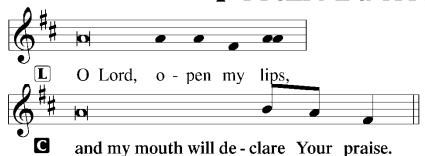
#### PRELUDE

# **OPENING VERSE**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made. Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

# + PREPARATION +



#### **HYMN**





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# Lilah Amber Louise Silverman RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

(Matthew 28:18b-19, Mark 16:16a, 1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: How are you named?

Candidate: Lilah

Pastor: Lilah, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Lilah according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16 KJV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Cong.: 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.

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even \(\frac{1}{2}\) forevermore.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

Pastor: Lilah, do you renounce the devil?

Candidate: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

Candidate: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways? Candidate: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

Candidate: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

Candidate: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Candidate: Yes, I believe.

Pastor: Lilah, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Pastor: Lilah, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

Elder: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Cong.: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Stand

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Lilah the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Peace + be with you.

Cong.: Amen.

Stand CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen. (Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13b)

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

(Psalm 119:24-32; antiphon: Psalm 119:27)

Pastor: Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.

My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word!

Cong.: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!

Pastor: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your just decrees before me.

Cong.: I cling to your testimonies, O LORD; let me not be put to shame!

Pastor: I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)



# **SALUTATION**

(2 Timothy 4:22)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And with your spirit.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Sit

#### READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Elder: The Lord be with you. Cong.: And also with you.

#### **Old Testament Reading** (page 172 in the pew Bibles)

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20** 

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle (page 1000 in the pew Bibles)

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

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

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

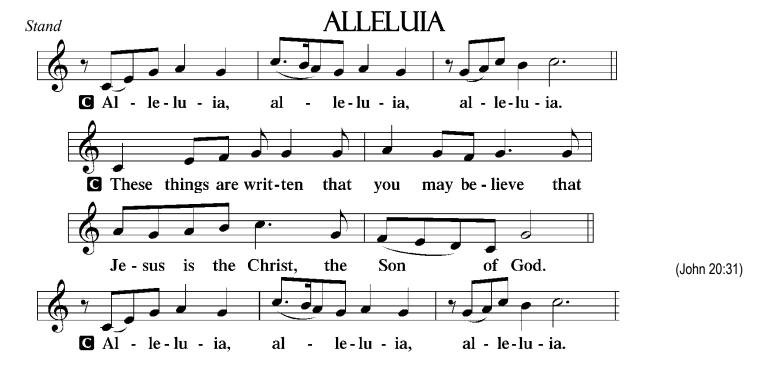
Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Cong: Thanks be to God.



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Holy Gospel (page 874 in the pew Bibles)

Luke 14:25-35

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Pastor: This the Gospel of Our Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

# HYMN OF THE DAY

# "Praise the Almighty" [LSB hymn 797]



# SERMON

(Pastor Jeong)



#### **OFFERING**

You may place your offering in the plate as you exit the service.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Cong.: hear our prayer.

Stand

Pastor: O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod; our Synod president; our district president; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word for us and for our children. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us *especially*.... Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Cong.: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### Cong.: Amen.

# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + PREFACE

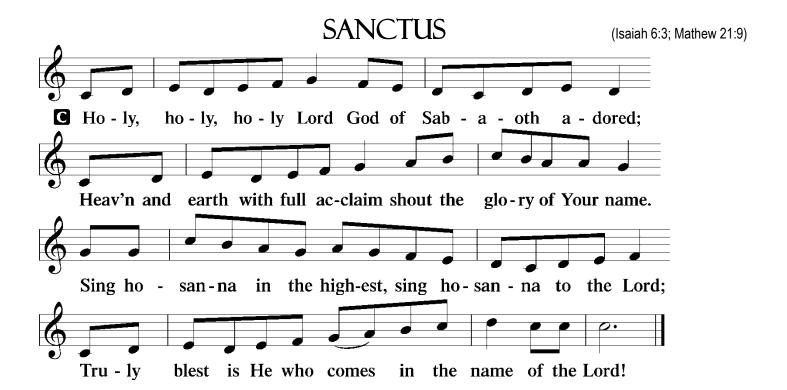
Pastor: The Lord be with you. Cong.: And also with you. Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong.: We lift them to the Lord.

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

#### Cong.: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

### LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

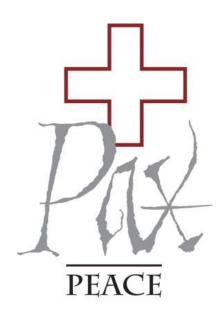
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong.: Amen.



(John 1: 29)



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of this congregation. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff, 10:32ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

#### What actually is the Lord's Supper? The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) should be received, after proper instruction and preparation, in the sure and certain confidence that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine to forgive the sin of all who receive him in repentance (according to 1Corinthians 10:14-17; 11: 17-33; Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30). Please review the questions on pages 326-27 and 329-330 in the front part of "Lutheran Service Book" for a proper understanding of this holy meal. Who may properly come to the Lord's Supper? You are invited to receive Christ's true body and blood if you: have been Baptized into the name of the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit); repent of your sin against God and recognize your need to forgive others as God has forgiven you; uput your trust in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation; are old enough to examine your own faith and life (according to 1Corinthians 11:27-32); believe in the words of Jesus himself when he declares that his Body and Blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine, offering life, salvation and the forgiveness of sins; sincerely intend to live a God-pleasing life in accordance with God's will as revealed in the Bible; have received instruction about the Supper at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation. I now come to the Lord's Table having read, understood and agreed with these beliefs.

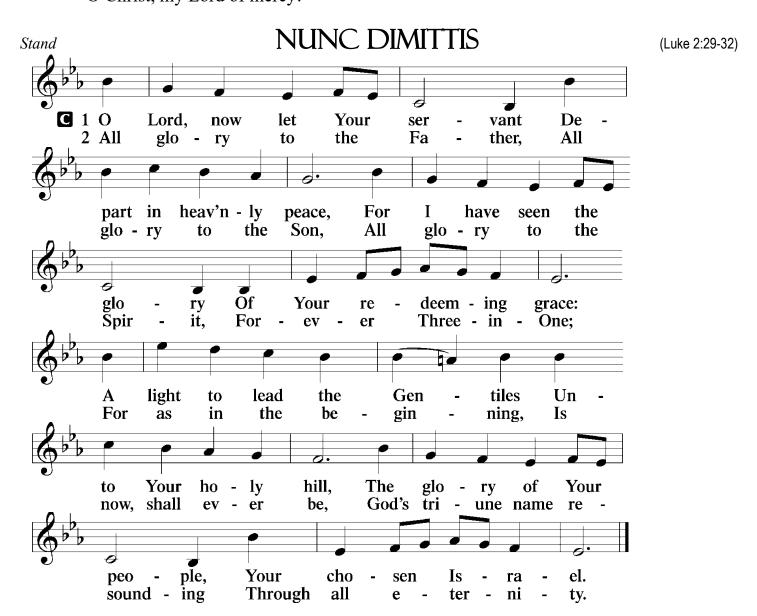
#### PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNING

Almighty Lord Jesus Christ, as often as I shall come to Your holy table to refresh my spirit, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; impure as I am, to make me clean; naked as I am, to clothe me, so that Your body, so full of divine power, and Your most precious blood may not become for me, Your servant, the occasion for judgment or punishment, but a memorial of the death You underwent for me, a strengthening of my faith, a proof of the taking away of my sins, a bond of closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.





I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!



#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. Cong.: Thanks be to God.

#### BENEDICTION

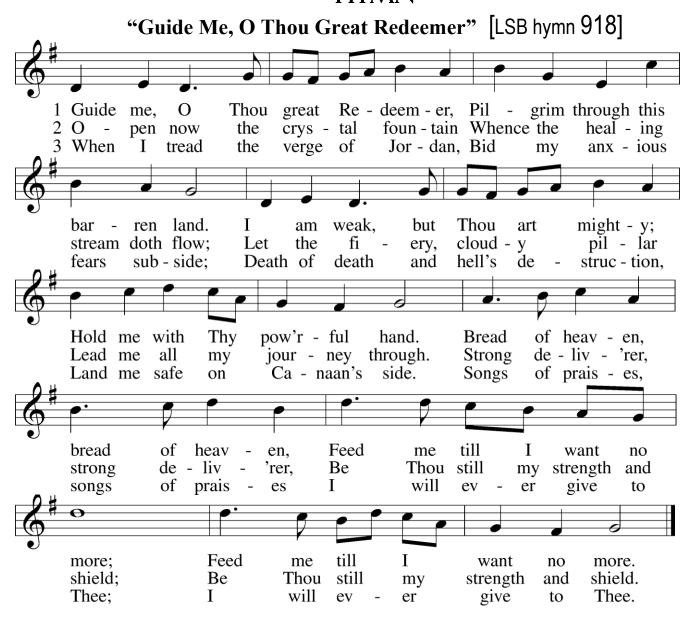
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.

Cong. Amen.





Sit

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. Cong.: Thanks be to God.

(Psalm 103:1)

#### POSTLUDE

# SERVING OUR LORD AND HIS PEOPLE TODAY

8:00 Service 11:00 Service

Acolytes: Ryker Deen Avalon Doherty

Ushers: Warren Woodbury Gary Yudin

Kevin Woodbury James Burns

Elders/Readers: Steve Snyder Brian Viers

Bob Vogtmann Rick Ritchie

Organist: Matt Laub

Altar Guild: Chris Ohlendorf, Maria Jurenka, Margaret Button, Mary Tesmer

#### LAST SUNDAY WE PRAYED FOR:

HEALING Christa went to the ER on Saturday evening. She was experiencing an elevated heart rate and blood pressure. She is home resting and taking it easy now. She is Heidi & Brian Viers' good neighbor.

SAFETY DURING TRAVEL Larry & Shelly Mickelson's son Cody and his friend Rose are hiking in the Grand Canyon. Prayers to keep them safe.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS: Shirene Shoushtarizadeh; 9/7; Beth Hansen 7/8;

John Paulo Rice 9/8; Phyllis Gasparian 9/9; Jane Andrews 9/12; Ellie Goad-Chandler 9/13;

De Anne Minor 9/13; James Blanton 9/13

THIS WEEK'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Alan & Cheryl Belohlavek 9/13

THIS WEEK'S BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS: Ana Stewart 9/7

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# NEWS AND NOTES

# **SEPTEMBER** 7, 2025

#### Opportunities This Week To Serve Our Lord And Our Neighbor

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7 Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Sunday School	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study "Didache"	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Pastor Jeong)	
	Sunday School and Youth Brunch Bunch	10:30 AM
	Altar Guild Meeting	12:15 PM
8 Monday	Church Office Closed	
	Pastor Jeong's Day off	
	Al Anon	10:00 AM
	Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
9 Tuesday	Al Anon	6:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
10 Wednesday	Preschool Chapel	10:00 AM
11 Thursday	Pastors Circuit Meeting	9:30 AM
12 Friday	_	
13 Saturday	Breakfast Bible Study with Pastor Mark Jasa	8:30/9:00 AM
	Sewing Group	9:30 AM-5:00 PM
14 Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
	Divine Service	8:00 & 11:00 AM
	Sunday School Rally Day	9:30 AM
	Youth Bible Study/6 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation	9:30 AM
	Adult Bible Study "Didache"	9:30 AM
	(in the Sanctuary with Pastor Jeong)	

For Further Information Please Call the Church Office at 714-846-6330 Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Preschool Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM

#### **BIBLE STUDIES**

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ" (Romans 10:17)

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

"Didache" (9:30 AM with Pastor Jeong in the Sanctuary)

#### FIRST THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"Isaiah 40-55" (7:00 PM with Karen Miller in the Music Room)

# REDEEMER'S STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 140

God has given each of us gifts and calls us in 1 Peter 4:10,11 to "use them to serve one another that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ".



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP Luke 14:33 "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not "ours," it's His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.

# AROUND REDEEMER

WORSHIP SERVICES AT REDEEMER are offered in our Sanctuary on Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 AM and available online at 8:00 AM as a YouTube live stream, on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams">www.youtube.com/@redeemerlutheranchurchhb7093/streams</a> and accessible from <a href="https://www.redeemer-lutheran.net">www.redeemer-lutheran.net</a>. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM for Sunday School.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL the children will learn about "Jesus Heals Many". Luke 4:31-44. Through many miracles, Jesus showed His power over sin, death, and the devil on our behalf.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY will be September 13<sup>th</sup>. Our presenter will be Pastor Mark Jasa. Plan to attend this very informative presentation. Please RSVP to the church office for breakfast.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING grades 7-12 at 9:30 AM with Pastor Miller starts September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will use Higher Things materials and the group will help choose the topics.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *Overview of the Old Testament* with Pastor Miller starting September 24 at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY *Foundations of the Faith* with Pastor Jeong starting September 24 at 7:00 PM.

OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AT DENNY'S (You don't have to be old) If you would like to join in on the fellowship and food (everyone pays for their own meal) we meet at Denny's at 18477 Beach Blvd. HB (cross street is Ellis), on Fridays at 11:30 AM. Call the church office if you would like more information.

GAME NIGHT Come join us in faith, friendship and Tabletop Board gaming every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 10:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This is intended for all members of the Congregation who like games, and we encourage you to come and invite your friends. This is a fun outreach opportunity, and we have a few regular attendees who are not members of our Congregation. You can also contact Christopher Lundgren via the Church Office for more information.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION AND COMMUNION are by appointment. Please call the church office to arrange a date and time.

ORATIO, MEDITATIO, TENTATIO (OMT) PRAYER GROUP - Luther used the Latin phrase oratio, meditatio, tentatio to describe a life of prayer. Redeemer has a Saturday morning prayer group that meets over Zoom on Saturdays at 9 AM when there is no Breakfast Bible Study. We pray about many needs from the Redeemer prayer chain and other sources. If you would like to participate, please email to Wayne Anderson (wayneland123@sbcglobal.net) or contact the church office.

# SEPTEMBER HYMN OF THE MONTH

FIGHT THE GOOD - LSB 664 John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75) was a prolific writer of poetry, prose and hymnody, yet only a handful of his approximately three hundred hymns are considered to have enduring quality. Two are found in *LSB* (this one and "Sing to the Lord of harvest," *LSB* 893).

The four stanzas in *LSB* have been altered little from the original and largely for modernization of language. The hymn is properly located under the theme "The Church Militant"; though far from a triumphalistic call to arms, it is instead a call to remain in God-given faith, under the cross, during the daily assaults of temptation.

1 Timothy 6:12 serves as the basis for the first stanza, as St. Paul exhorts Timothy to "fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." The preceding verses inform us that the battle is the daily struggle against temptation. Like Timothy, Christians have been called to new life in Christ; the victory over sin and death is the one He won on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:57) and gives to us in His Gospel. In the second line, Monsell makes clear that our might is the Lord's: "Christ is your strength, and Christ your right." "Right" should not be understood in the popular notion of "that which everyone naturally deserves." Rather, this "right" has the sense of the righteousness we possess because we are justified for Jesus' sake. To "lay hold on life" is a reference to faith that clings to Christ.

Stanza 2 is built on Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Theses verses summarize the Christian's life and fight well: Jesus has already endured the cross for us. Now, as His forgiven people, we run our race. How? By repentance and laying aside the sin that clings so closely. As Monsell puts in, we run "through God's good grace." Alive in Christ, we continue toward our heavenly home.

Stanza 3 is rooted in 1 Peter 5:6-7: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." The chapter warns against both pride, which leads one to see no need for God's help, and worry, which tempts one to question it. Shortly thereafter, it warns that the devil prowls about like a lion, seeking someone to devour. Monsell thus bids the people of God to cast their cares upon the Lord, whose mercy is boundless: and while faith trusts in Christ's gifts of life and love now, it will be proved in the end.

Thus we have stanza 4, with its reference to Colossians 3:11: "Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free, but Christ is all, and in all." In the surrounding verses, St Paul reminds Christians that they have died to sin and now live in Christ. Thus they are to resist temptation, repent of their sin, and rejoice that their salvation is found in Jesus. For those weary of the grinding temptations, the final verse is of great comfort: the Lord is near, He will not fail, and He remains the Christian's help and life for eternity.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

#### FREE REGISTRATION - ENROLLING NOW!

HELP A CHILD GO TO SCHOOL The Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Board has established a Preschool Scholarship Fund. We have had families visit our school who simply cannot afford the tuition and were not approved for governmental assistance. We would like to offer these families a good Christian education for their children. To donate to this fund, please make your check payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran Preschool.









# MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

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# LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR.

Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

# LUTHERAN TELEVISION, RADIO, & ONLINE PROGRAMS

DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY SERVICE OR BIBLE STUDY SESSION? Visit our website <a href="https://www.redeemer-lutheran.net">www.redeemer-lutheran.net</a> to find past services posted under Online Services/Video Services and Bible studies posted under Education/Bible Study Recordings.

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Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 9:30-10:30 AM Redeemer Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM - starting September 14th

Youth Bible Study for grades 7-12 with Pastor Miller in the youth room. We will use Higher Things materials and the group will help choose the topics.

# September 21st One Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Church and Preschool Picnic at 11:15 AM

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, popcorn and ice cream are provided.

Pie contest (pie for dessert)

Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

Sign up in the narthex after services

## Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM - starting September 24th

A new Bible Study with Pastor Miller **An Overview of the Old Testament** using the book *Hitchhiking with the Prophets* by Chad Bird in the Priscilla Circle Room

A new Bible Study with Pastor Jeong Foundations of the Faith in the Music Room

Confirmation class will be Tuesdays starting on September 30th at 4:30 PM

DAILY, CHRIST OFFERS HIS RICH BLESSINGS THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES.			
SUGGESTED READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2025:			
Sunday, September 7:	2 Kings 4:38-5:8; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21;		
	Luke 14:25-35		
Monday, September 8:	2 Kings 5:9-27 & Philippians 1:1-20		
Tuesday, September 9:	2 Kings 6:1-23 & Philippians 1:21-2:11		
Wednesday, September 10:	2 Kings 9:1-13; 10:18-29 & Philippians 2:12-30		
Thursday, September 11:	2 Chronicles 29:1-24 & Philippians 3:1-21		
Friday, September 12:	2 Chronicles 31:1-21 & Philippians 4:1-23		
Saturday, September 13:	2 Chronicles 32:1-22 & Colossians 1:1-23		
Sunday, September 14:	2 Chronicles 33:1-25; Ezekiel 34:11-24; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;		
	Luke 15:1-10		

# REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



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