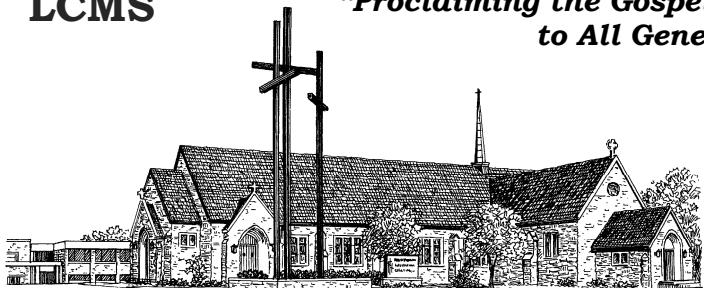


# Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*"Proclaiming the Gospel  
to All Generations"*



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**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Saturday, August 15, and**  
**Sunday, August 16, 2020.**

**WELCOME!** May the Lord bless your time in this place! We ask that all worshippers sign an attendance card and place it in the appropriate box in the narthex. If you are not a member of Redeemer and are interested in becoming a member, please contact one of the Pastors.

**PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS:** During this time, we will **temporarily close** the nursery space off from playing activities. The nursery toys and children's activity bags have been stored away. The nursery should only be used for mothers who are nursing and diaper changing needs. A diaper changing table is also available in the main narthex bathroom. Thank you for your understanding. When it is safe to resume to normal activities, the nursery toys and the activity bags will return. (As approved by the Church Council, the Cry Room will soon be converted to the new Audio-Visual Control Room for our ongoing streaming capabilities.)

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**PLEASE WEAR YOUR FACE MASK** at all times, removing it only to receive Holy Communion. Remember, *"Wearing a mask is not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."*

**PLEASE RESPECT** the prayerful atmosphere of this holy place. We ask you to turn off all cell phones and electronic devices. Thank you!

**DID YOU FORGET** your offering envelope? Extra envelopes are located in the tract rack of each narthex.

**LISTENING DEVICES** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS WITH HYMNS** are available in the main narthex.

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be celebrated at all services this weekend in continuous style. All communicants should sign the Communion registration side of an attendance card. A common participation in the Altar of Christ assumes a common unity of faith and doctrine. We therefore ask that all guests who are not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod contact one of the pastors prior to the Divine Service before presenting themselves at the Altar for the Holy Communion. Thank you!

**THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** *Keep us constant in our prayers to You, O Lord. Prepare us for answers we may not expect. Provide us with solutions that strengthen and inspire us. And give us, at last, the greatest gift of all--Your presence with us always. In Your name we pray. Amen.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
(LSB, pp. 203-212)

**THE PRELUDE**

**THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

**THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE PREPARATION

### THE HYMN: 795 – “Voices Raised to You We Offer”

1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -  
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer Mea - sure all the

songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf-f'ring, dy - ing,  
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;  
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—

For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

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(Please stand for the last stanza)

### THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P (Pastor): In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C (Congregation): Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
 C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
 C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P: 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.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

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

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE SALUTATION (Spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.  
 C: And also with you.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.  
 All: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.  
 (Please be seated)

### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from the 56<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

....

<sup>6</sup> “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.” (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** (*Spoken*)

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: **for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.** (ESV)

**THE EPISTLE:** Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

P: The Epistle is from the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>11:1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

....

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my

fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

....

<sup>28</sup> As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(*Please stand*)

**THE VERSE** (*Spoken*)

**Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.** (ESV)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: (*Spoken*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*Spoken*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE NICENE CREED

All: 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.

(Please be seated)

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY: TLH 396 - "O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by man-y a foe;  
 2 That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be -neath the chas-t'ning rod,  
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage with-out;  
 4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown Nor heeds its scorn-ful smile;



That will not trem-ble on the brink Of pov-er - ty or woe;  
 But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean up - on its God;  
 That, when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt;  
 That sin's wild o - cean can-not drown Nor Sa-tan's arts be-guile;

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way  
     Till life's last spark is fled  
     And with a pure and heavenly ray  
     Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this;  
     And then, whate'er may come,  
     We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
     Of an eternal home.

## THE SERMON

Title: "Great Faith"

Text: Matthew 15:21-28

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

*(At the conclusion of each petition, the Pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation should then respond, "Hear Our Prayer.")*

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## THE OFFERING

*(Please stand)*

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: You have called all people to Your holy mountain.

C: And we are joyful in Your house of prayer.

P: Accept these offerings--sacrifices of praise,

C: and signs of our thankfulness.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Spoken*)

C: 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.

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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."

### **THE PAX DOMINI**

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

C: Amen.

### **THE AGNUS DEI** (*Sung; LSB, p. 210*)

All: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.  
*(Please be seated)*

### **THE DISTRIBUTION AND THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

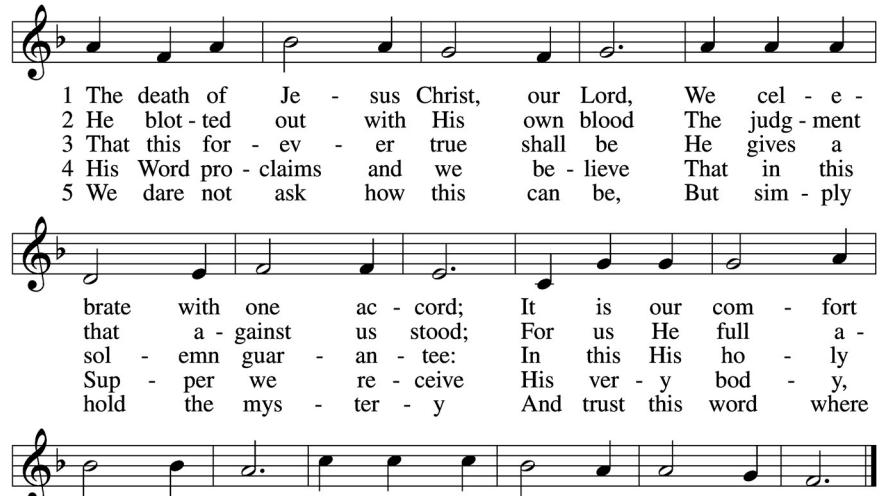
#### ***A Prayer before receiving the Sacrament***

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### ***A Prayer after receiving the Sacrament***

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the Holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

### **THE HYMN: 634 – “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”**



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -  
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment  
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a  
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this  
5 We dare not ask how this can be, But sim - ply

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort  
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full - a -  
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly  
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,  
hold the mys - ter - y And trust this word where

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.  
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.  
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.  
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.  
life be - gins: "Giv - en and shed for all your sins."

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## THE HYMN: 935 – “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;  
 Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
 Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.

Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;  
 His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.  
 His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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## THE HYMN: 779 – “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

1 Come, my soul, with ev - ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
 2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
 4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;

He Him - self has bid thee pray, There-fore will not turn a - way.  
 For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
 Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con-science free from guilt.  
 There Thy blood-bought right main-tain And with-out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
 Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
 As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
 Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what is mine to do;  
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
 Let me live a life of faith;  
 Let me die Thy people's death.

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(Please stand)

## THE GENERAL DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{†}$  in peace.

C: Amen.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION (Spoken; LSB, p.212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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  $\text{†}$  give you peace.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

## THE SILENT PRAYER

## THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

## THE POSTLUDE

## SERVING US TODAY

**Liturgist & Celebrant:** Pastor Joel A. C. Dietrich

**Preacher:** Pastor Mark H. Ebert

**Organist:** Joe Herl

**Acolytes:** 6:00PM – Shyann Severson

8:30AM – Paige Trutna & Abigail Wohlgemuth

11:00AM – Katelyn Gottberg & Lauren Gottberg

**Chancel Guild:** Paulette Milem & Sandie Smith

Robyn Hertzel

Laurie Kessner & Shelly Mikus

**Elder on Duty:** 6:00PM – Doug Garrison

8:30AM – Dave Crist

11:00AM – Brent Bolte

**Head Usher:** 6:00PM – Russell Krieser

8:30AM – John Wolff

11:00AM – Bill Crosier Jr.

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## NEWS & NOTES



### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ  
and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy*

By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt. 15:27–28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. *“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable”* (Rom. 11:29), and His Law *“has consigned all to disobedience”* for the very purpose *“that he may have mercy on all”* (Rom. 11:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His table, but He also feeds us with *“the children’s bread”* in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His *“holy mountain,”* and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).



**THE BULLETIN** today is given to the glory of God by Kathleen Schippert in loving memory of her parents, Leo & Betty Schippert, who were married on August 14<sup>th</sup>.



**OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS** available to sponsor the chancel flowers for August 30-1; September 13-2, 20-1; October 4-1, 11-1, 18-2; November 1-2, 8-2, 15-2, 22-2, 29-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$25. To place an order, please call the church office. **Please remember to return the black liners to the office.**

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN:** October 18; November 1, 8, 15, 22. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25 per Sunday or special service. To reserve a date, please call the church office.

**REHABILITATION:** Wayne Ficke (Home)

**HOSPITALIZED:** Judy Evers (Home)

**HOSPICE:** Marian Radford (Tabitha); Gerald Wolvin (Tabitha Journey House)

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or [secretary@redeemerlincoln.org](mailto:secretary@redeemerlincoln.org)).



**SCRIPTURE READINGS** for August 22 & 23

Isaiah 51:1–6

Romans 11:33—12:8

Matthew 16:13–20

*Prepare to worship by reading and meditating on these sections of Scripture.*

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE REDEEMER LAST WEEKEND**

Worship Attendance: 215 (48-64-103)

Weekday Communion: (5)

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance: 15\*

Online Service Stream: 263\*\*

	<u>Unified Budget Receipts</u>	<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>Ahead (Behind)</u>
8-9-20	\$13,906.70	\$16,974.17	(\$3,067.47)
YTD	\$503,057.40	\$543,173.54	(\$40,116.14)

\*Middle/High School via Zoom.

\*\*Number of views online as of 8/13/20



**WOMEN'S STUDY HAS RESUMED!** The Wednesday morning Bible study & prayer group has started up again! The group meets in FEC Room 200 at 9:30AM every Wednesday. Please bring your own Bible and face mask to wear. Everyone is welcome!

**PROJECT MERCY SEWING HAS STARTED:** The next meeting is Wednesday, August 26, at 9:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your face mask. All are welcome!

**TODAY WOR IS COLLECTING MITES** (coins and bills) for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (This takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. For the month of July, they collected \$76.48. Thank you!

**THE BOARD OF ELDERS** will meet on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45PM in the Fellowship Hall. Elders should bring their copy of the Bible study, "Immigrants Among Us". **Please bring a mask to wear.**

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:45PM in the Fellowship Hall. All Council members should plan to attend or call the church office (402-477-1710) to be excused. **Please bring a mask to wear.** A tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.

**CONFIRMATION:** The first day of confirmation for returning students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will be Wednesday, August 26. The first day for new students (6<sup>th</sup> graders) will be Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an orientation session for new students the week of August 30–September 5. Watch the mail for further information. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark ([pastor.ebert@redeemerlincoln.org](mailto:pastor.ebert@redeemerlincoln.org) or 402-525-3583).

**Church Service Registration**

Seating is limited to 100 per service.

(75 - Main Sanctuary; 25 - Fellowship Hall)

Due to limited seating, all people are asked to register weekly in one of the following ways:

- **REGISTER ONLINE** at our website [redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org).  
*Those who are comfortable with registering online are encouraged to use this method to help the office manage the process more efficiently.*  
**OR**
- Call the church office (402-477-1710).

Registration is open from 8:00AM Monday thru 4:00PM Friday for the following Sunday. Services will fill first-come, first serve.

# Weekday Communion

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY  
FOR HOLY COMMUNION**



As the pandemic continues, we are adding another opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. This is primarily intended for those who are able to be out and about, but who feel uncomfortable or unsafe in attending the regular services due to age and/or health related issues. We are calling this **"Weekday Communion."** Here is how it works.

- On Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30AM and 6:00-7:00PM & Thursdays from 9:30-11:30AM we will observe 15-minute periods for 1 to 5 people in the main narthex. Appointments need to be made by calling the church office (402-477-1710).
- On the day of their appointment, people should wait in their cars until the appointed time and then enter the main narthex through the west doors. Face masks should be worn at all times.
- Hand sanitizer, extra masks, copies of the order of service will be available inside the door.
- People will be seated in the narthex on folding chairs arranged in accordance with social distancing guidelines.
- The order of service will be what we use for in-home private Communion visits, including a brief devotion.
- Following the service, people should exit the narthex, allowing time for sanitizing before the next appointment.
- Copies of the order of service and individual cups can be left in the appropriate receptacles in the narthex.
- This coming week the days for this will be **Tuesday, August 18, and Thursday, August 20.** If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ebert (402-477-1710 or 402-525-3583).

## Re-Opening Guidelines

- As you came into the church, you had opportunity to use some hand sanitizer and pick up a face mask (if needed). Other items available include bulletins and unused attendance cards. If you brought a completed attendance card, you could deposit that card along with your offering in the wooden box.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times.
- At the end of the service, please take your bulletin and other materials with you. If you completed an attendance card during the service, **do not** hand it to an usher, but leave it on the table in the main narthex.
- Other than when receiving the Lord's Supper, **please wear your face mask at all times, especially while singing!** Remember, "Wearing a mask is not just about you; it's also about your neighbor."
- When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please observe social distancing between family groups.
- For the present time, parts of the liturgy will be spoken and we may sing only selected stanzas of each hymn.
- When taking the Sacrament, **please extend your hand palm side up** in order to receive the wafer. After receiving the bread, **you will be handed** an individual cup with wine. Used cups can then be placed in the appropriate receptacle.
- At the end of the service, **please remain in your pew** until you are ushered out, starting with the back of the main nave and the west wing. You are welcome to use the side aisles when leaving.
- If you wish to visit with others after church, please go outside rather than remaining indoors. Do not re-enter the building (until one of next weekend's services).
- The Pastors will not greet at the door before or after the service. As always, you are welcome to contact them by phone or email.
- Please remember to **register online ([redeemerlincoln.org](http://redeemerlincoln.org)) or call in each week** to register for a service the following weekend.

**Thank you for your patience and flexibility!**



## Redeemer's First Tie-Dye Event!

Sunday, August 23, 4:30-6:00PM  
FEC Chapel / South Parking Lot

Come and have some fun making a tie-dye mask. You will be allowed to make one mask for sure. We will serve pizza and fruit. This is open to all fans of tie-dye. Everything needed will be supplied. Grades 6 and up are allowed to participate without a parent. Grades 5 and younger will need to attend with a parent. If you have questions, please contact DCE Rod Lane.

## LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY



**TRANSPORT FOOD TO THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY:** Volunteers are needed to deliver nonperishable food on a rotating monthly basis to the Lutheran Food Pantry. Food delivery is easy and helps those less fortunate in the Lincoln community. Time commitment is two or three times a year. To be a part of this ministry, please contact Gayle Bartels (402- 885-1742) or call the church office.

**ITEMS NEEDED AT THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY** at this time include: any shelf stable items, condensed soups, juice, canned fruits, snacks (individual packages of crackers, cookies, etc.), jelly, beans (red, chili, black, kidney, refried, etc.), saltine crackers, tuna, and/or monetary donations to purchase food. Please place donations in the large wood container located on the east side of the main narthex.

## Youth News

### IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th!



The Cross Talk for September will have updated safety information for Sunday School. Please know we are taking all the necessary steps to keep everyone healthy and safe. All local health directives and safety measures will be followed during Sunday School and all youth and family events at church. More details coming soon.

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### PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL

This summer, our Sunday School students will explore **3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God**. Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Jill Walrod. will email lessons to you each Sunday.

**August 16:** In Sunday School, children will discuss, "The Spirit Creates Faith: Jesus Teaches Nicodemus." Students will learn how Jesus taught Nicodemus that the Holy Spirit works a new birth of faith through Baptism. Consider discussing, "*How is this true for you also?*"

**August 23:** The Holy Spirit renewed the life of the sinful woman, enabling her to show love for Jesus in this week's Sunday School lesson, "The Spirit Renews Us: Mary Shows Her Love for Jesus." As a family, discuss, "*How does the Holy Spirit renew your life?*"

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### FOR GRADES 4-8! - "LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES"

Join us on Zoom on Sundays at **10:00AM!** Parents – you will receive a Zoom key each week.

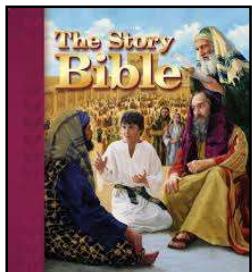
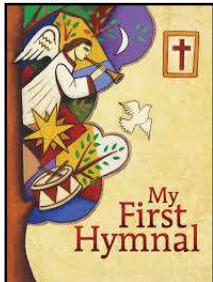
First century Christians lived in a world much different from ours. Learning about how they lived can help us understand the Bible better. Join us on Sunday's with DCE Deb Geisler!

**HIGH SCHOOL ZOOM BIBLE CLASS – “Courage That Defies Death”**  
New 6-week topic started July 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us anytime!

Weekly study is at **10:00AM** led by DCE Rod. Parents are emailed a Zoom key each week.

It takes a lot of courage to live in today's world as a teenager: confidence in school, confidence to stand up to bullies, confidence to make the correct play in sports, and even the confidence to proclaim Christ as King. Who are our youth looking to for role models in courage? How can they find courage through Christ again in their increasingly busy lives?

Courage that Defies Death shows youth that they can be, and should be, courageous because of Christ's courage on the cross. Each of the six lessons follows a Biblical figure—Ruth, Rahab, Jacob, David, Daniel, or Stephen—on their courage journeys and how they found the strength to stand by their faith. Parents, please encourage your youth to be a part of this journey.



### Family Worship in the Home

We have recently produced a new resource for you to use for devotions at home with your children. This guide follows the 3-year lectionary as closely as possible and incorporates using Concordia Publishing House's "My First Hymnal" (CD also available) and "The Story Bible".

An instructional video is now available to view on the church's website at [www.redeemerlincoln.org/familydevotions](http://www.redeemerlincoln.org/familydevotions)

If you are interested in purchasing these resources, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dietrich (402-477-1710, [pastor.dietrich@redeemerlincoln.org](mailto:pastor.dietrich@redeemerlincoln.org)).



**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Celebrating Redeemer's Fall  
Sunday School and Bible Class Kick-off!**

**Installation of 2020-21 Sunday School teachers and staff  
at the 8:30AM Worship Service.**

**All are invited!**



**Food will be provided by the Waffle Man!  
Join us in the South Parking Lot from 9:30-11:00AM.**

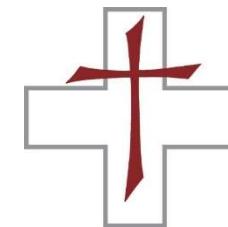
**Additional Activities:** Orientation for parents regarding fall Sunday School, walk through tours of classrooms, meet your child or youth's Sunday School teacher. Come-and-go atmosphere.

**WHEN NOT EATING, WE REQUEST EVERYONE TO PLEASE WEAR A  
FACEMASK AND/OR MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE.**

*(Sponsored by Redeemer's Board for Youth)*

## August 16-23

<b>Sun 16</b>	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mite Collection 10:00AM-Zoom Sunday School, Grades 4-12
<b>Mon 17</b>	11:30AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Room 200) 6:30PM-Board for Education (FEC Room 107) 6:45PM-Board of Elders (Fellowship Hall) 7:45PM-Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tue 18</b>	9:30-11:30AM & 6:00-7:00PM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex)
<b>Wed 19</b>	9:30AM-Women's Bible Study & Prayer Group (FEC Room 200)
<b>Thur 20</b>	9:30-11:30AM—Weekday Communion (Main Narthex) Pastor Ebert's Day Off
<b>Fri 21</b>	Noon-Cross Talk News Deadline Pastor Dietrich's Day Off DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 7:00PM-Couples' Bible Study (via Zoom)
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>6:00PM-Divine Service</b> 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>8:30 &amp; 11:00AM-Divine Services</b> 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 10:00AM—Zoom Sunday School, Grades 4-12 4:30-6:00PM-Tie Dye Event (FEC Chapel / South Parking Lot)



**OUR THANKS** to those who made room last Sunday for our confirmand's families and guests. Your flexibility helped make for a great celebration.