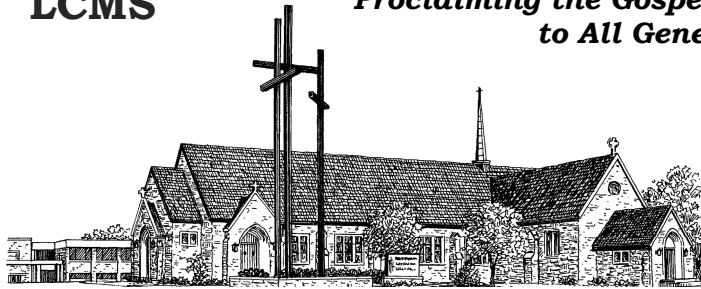


Redeemer Lutheran Church

LCMS

*“Proclaiming the Gospel
to All Generations”*



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THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Saturday, July 18, and
Sunday, July 19, 2026**

WELCOME! We ask that all worshipers sign an attendance card. Members may hand their cards to an usher. Guests, please hand your card to the Pastor as he greets you by the door. If you are interested in membership at Redeemer, please speak to one of the Pastors.

PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children's walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children's attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women's bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you. At 9:45AM on Sunday, we also provide Sunday School in the Family Education Center for children from preschool through high school.

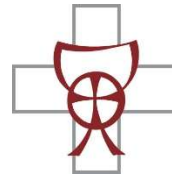
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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNALS: Large print bulletins with hymns included are available at all services. Also, large print *LSB* hymnals are available. Ask an usher if you would like a bulletin or to use one of the hymnals.

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.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (402-477-1710 or valerie.coleman@redeemerlincoln.org) or write it on your attendance card.



HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at all services this weekend. 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. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the communion rail. Thank you!

PREPARE FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER! As St. Paul admonishes us, we should always prepare ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Cor. 11:28-29). A helpful thing we can do in our preparation is...

- meditate upon the purpose of the Lord's Supper.
(see *LSB*, pages 326-327)

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: *O Lord my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(LSB, pp. 203-212)

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PREPARATION

THE HYMN: 663 – “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

(Please stand for 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 INTROIT *(Spoken)*

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: **listen to my plea for grace.**

P: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

C: **unite my heart to fear your name.**

P: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

C: **and I will glorify your name forever.**

P: For great is your steadfast love toward me;

C: **you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

P: O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

C: **and they do not set you before them.**

P: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,

C: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

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.

P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C: **listen to my plea for grace.**

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

THE KYRIE *(Sung; LSB, p. 204)*

(Organist introduces tune)

All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE: “Gloria in Excelsis” *(Sung; LSB, p. 204)*

All: To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

THE SALUTATION (*Spoken*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8

P: The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any." (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (*Spoken*)

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11:33, 36

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:18-27

P: The Epistle is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE VERSE (*Sung; LSB, p. 205*)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *John 20:31*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.” (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: 892 – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

THE SERMON

(Please stand)

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

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

(Please stand)

THE PREFACE *(Spoken; LSB, p. 208)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *(Sung; LSB, p. 208)*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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: 627 – “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

THE HYMN: 772 – “In Holy Conversation”

THE HYMN: 672 – “Jerusalem the Golden”
(Please stand for last stanza then be seated)

(Please stand)

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung; *LSB*, p. 211)

All: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C: (Spoken) Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist, Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Dr. David Coe

Organist: Joe Herl

Acolytes: 6:00PM – Elder on Duty

8:30AM – Jude Mumaugh & Anna Ludwig

11:00 AM – Ben Bobby

Chancel Guild: Melvia Jo Herr & Lori Lane

Judy Weyand

Betsy Peterson & Susann Hilderbrand

Elder on Duty: 6:00PM – Rick Hargreaves

8:30AM – Jeremy Bloch

11:00AM – Philip Wohlgemuth

Greeters:

Main

West

6:00PM

Geri Rorabaugh

8:30AM

Valerie Coleman

11:00AM

Phil & Judy Zillig

Kathy Dondlinger

(volunteer needed)

Head Usher:

6:00PM – Mindy Ohnoutka

8:30AM – Cliff Kreizel

11:00AM – Nathan Garrison

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Paulette Milem in loving memory of her husband, Keith. Keith & Paulette were married on July 23, 1977. This year would have been their 49th anniversary.



THE BULLETIN today is given to the glory of God by Kevin & Julie Bachman in thanksgiving for their many blessings including a successful surgery for Kevin.

OPEN DATES AND NUMBER OF BOUQUETS available to sponsor the chancel flowers for July 26-1; August 2-1, 9-1, 16-2, 23-2, 30-2; September 6-2, 13-2, 20-2, 27-2. The cost of each bouquet is \$30. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. *Please make payment by the week prior to date reserved. Please return the black liner pot to the church office within a week.*

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETIN: July 26; August 2, 9; September 13, 20, 27. The cost of bulletin sponsorship is \$25. To reserve a date, please contact the church office. *Please make payment by the week prior to date reserved.*

WEEKLY FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 11 & 12

Worship Attendance: 279 (51-125-103)

Sunday School/Bible Class Attendance: 69 (13-56)

Online Service Stream: 88

Financial Information is not available this week.
Look for current information in next week's bulletin.

TO GIVE AN OFFERING ONLINE, go to redeemerlincoln.org and click on the "Giving" icon at the top of the page. You may also access it easily via the QR code provided.



NEWS & NOTES

THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is "*the Son of Man*," Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in "*the sons of the kingdom*" (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets "*both grow together until the harvest*" (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is "*the King of Israel and his Redeemer*" (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, "*fear not, nor be afraid*" (Is. 44:8). For "*the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God*" (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, "*the Spirit helps us in our weakness*" (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, "*the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*" (Rom. 8:18).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND, July 25 & 26:

• Deuteronomy 7:6–9 • Romans 8:28–39 • Matthew 13:44–52

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

VOTERS' MEETING

The next quarterly voters' meeting is **Monday, July 20, at 7:00PM.**

→ **We will meet in the Church Sanctuary due to VBS.**

Voting members who are unable to attend should call the office to be excused. A tentative agenda will be posted on Saturday, July 18, on the bulletin board near the north entrance to the main narthex.

**Remember, to remain a voting member, voters must attend at least one meeting per year or be excused from two meetings.*

Mites for Missions: Today WOR is collecting Mites for Missions (coins and bills) for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. (This takes place the 3rd Sunday of each month.) Please bring your loose change to the box in either narthex. **For the month of June, WOR collected \$159.92. Thank you!**

PRAYERS: All those listed above as hospitalized, in rehabilitation, or hospice care, Kevin Bachman, Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer, Wayne Ficke, Rodney Holtzen, Leata Krejci, Nancy Lebow, Ron Meyer, Sandy Miller, Connie Ohnemus, Joy Pohlmann, Noah Ramirez, Cassandra Roeber, Andrew Scherbarth, Greg Van Vark, all military personnel, countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Nigeria, and nations of the Middle East.



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To have your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office. If you need pastoral assistance, please ask for a pastor.

Ushers Needed to Serve

We are looking for some additional people to join the Redeemer Usher Team. This a great way to help the church out and get to know more people! Commitment is about once every 4-6 weeks depending upon which team you are on and if there are any special services coming up.

Contact Carol Greenwald, Ushering Chair:

Call: 402-797-8821 / Text: 402-499-6435 / cmdgreen@windstream.net

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Redeemer's **Strategic Ministry Plan** development efforts continue. In addition to **Vision Statements** developed by standing boards and committees over the past few months, the Church Council recommends Voters adopt the following **Mission Statement** and **Purpose Statement** at its **July 20th meeting**.

Recommended Purpose Statement

Redeemer Lutheran Church connects and nurtures all generations through a commitment to liturgical worship and the sacraments, growing together through study, fellowship, human care, and outreach.

Rationale: Redeemer's recommended **Purpose Statement** seeks to be a robust description of our congregation's reason for existing – our understanding of God's purpose for placing us in this place, at this time, with these people – intended to help focus and prioritize internal conversations.

Recommended Mission Statement

The mission of Redeemer Lutheran Church is to connect, nurture, and grow the body of Christ.

Rationale: Redeemer's recommended **Mission Statement** seeks to be a concise (ten words or less) and memorable description of the work that the Lord has given our congregation to accomplish, intended to focus and prioritize our conversations with our neighbors and guests.

Additionally, congregational leaders will gather **August 8th** to identify **Strengths/ Weaknesses/ Opportunities/ Threats** (SWOT) and develop **Specific/ Measurable/ Achievable/ Realistic/ Timely** (SMART) goals using the LCMS **Re:Vitality Serving in God's Mission** (SGM) workshops 8 and 9.

Please continue to keep Redeemer's strategic planning efforts in your prayers – that our Lord would continue to guide our congregation in faithful and Christ-centered ministry. Questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns regarding Redeemer's strategic planning efforts may be directed to Christopher Cassel (christopher@novajareth.com or 402-432-2417)



Vacation Bible School

July 20 – 24 from 5:00-7:30PM

Preschool–5th Grade

Light dinner included

Throughout this program, we will go on an epic adventure through Australia and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Your child will participate in a week of crafts, music, games and more! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Planning & Prep Crew

Outreach Team: Help spread the word, invite families, and get kids signed up for an amazing week of learning and discovery.

VBS Week Volunteers: Assist during the actual week of VBS with activities, crafts, games, a light meal, music, story time, and guiding our young explorers.

Scan Here to Sign Up Your Child or to Volunteer



For Questions or assistance contact:

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Volunteer Celebration Night!

Thursday, August 6th

6:00–8:00PM

Location: South Parking Lot

Sign up now, July 11 – August 3

Redeemer's staff is so grateful for your service at Church! We warmly invite all volunteers and their families to a pleasing evening of food, fellowship, music, and recognition as we celebrate your dedicated service.

➔ **To make this an evening to remember, please Sign Up in the Main Narthex—your participation is important to our planning!**

Thank you for everything you do to serve Christ
and our community at Redeemer!

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another."
1 Peter 4:10 ESV*



Annual Summer Rummage Sale

**** Coming August 13-15! ****

Thur & Fri, 7:30am-5:00pm / Sat 8am-Noon

Join Us for Redeemer's Annual Summer Rummage Sale
in the Family Education Center.
Please support the sale, organized by our Belize Mission Team!

DONATION INFORMATION

- We welcome clean, saleable household items.
- Donations will be accepted **June 2–August 9**.
- Donations may be dropped off in **Classrooms 215–216, Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm, or by appointment. Watch future bulletins for updates.**
- A cart will be available by the elevator for everyone's use. If you need assistance unloading your items, **please bring someone with you to help.**
- Please note that we cannot accept the following items: loveseats, recliners, couches, beds, computers, televisions, printers, monitors, electronics such as VCR/DVD players, or exercise equipment.
- Questions? Please contact Alexandria Branding at 402-580-5034.

NOW SHOWING

CINEMA

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, & fun!

Saturday, August 22

12:00–3:00 PM

Redeemer Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy time together with friends & family as we make our own pizzas and settle in for a fun movie afternoon.

🍕 **Make Your Own Pizza**

Choose your favorite toppings & create your own delicious pizza!

🎬 **Movie Showing: Wonka**

Bring your family, invite a friend, & enjoy a relaxed afternoon of connection & community.
Everyone is welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there. Sign-up in the narthex.

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Belize Informational Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, July 26, 12:30pm, FEC Room 200

Are you feeling God calling you to serve in Belize in 2027? Are you on the fence about joining the mission team this next year or just want to learn more? Do you want to learn how you can support or help the team? Join us for lunch and our first informational meeting. This will be a great opportunity to pray together for God's direction as we begin to form our team and to ask questions about the trip. We hope you will join us as we start to prepare for this exciting mission opportunity! Please contact Alex Branding at 402-580-5034 or Rod Lane at 402- 499-0807 with questions!



Help Feed Our CHURCH FAMILY

♥ Donate a Meal ♥

One meal can make a big difference for a church family going through a difficult time.



THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP:



PREPARE A MEAL

Prepare a homemade casserole or freezer-friendly meal.



DONATE FUNDS

Donate funds to the Human Care Board to help purchase meals.



PICK UP A MEAL

Pick up a premade frozen meal during your next grocery trip and place it in the freezer.



GREAT FREEZER MEAL IDEAS:

Chicken Alfredo • Lasagna • Mac & Cheese • Pot Pies • Quiche
Enchiladas • BBQ Pulled Pork • and other freezer-friendly favorites!

MEAL DROP-OFF

Please place meal donations in the freezer located downstairs in the FEC building.



PLEASE LABEL EACH MEAL WITH:

- ✓ Date dropped off
- ✓ Name of the meal (if homemade)
- ✓ A Redeemer meal sticker



NEED ACCESS WHEN THE FEC BUILDING IS LOCKED?

Contact Pastor, Rod, Carol, or the church office, and someone will gladly arrange to let you in.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:



Mariah Niemeyer
(402) 890-3112



Carol Greenwald
(402) 499-6435



Judy Weyand
(402) 440-9015



Rod Lane
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Thank you for helping care for our church family through the gift of a meal!



Church & Neighborhood POOL PARTY

Make a Splash with Us!

Friday, July 31, 6:00–8:00PM
Woods Pool, 3200 J St.

Summer is in full swing, and we'd love you to join us for our neighborhood pool party & cool treats! Redeemer Lutheran Church + Witherbee Neighborhood Association are teaming up for a fun night of swimming, treats, and connecting with neighbors.

👉 **Bring your swimsuit, towel, and a friend!**

Sponsored by the Board for Outreach.



Men's Steak Night!

Sunday, August 23, 5:45PM
Redeemer Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars and join us for a great evening of fellowship, food, and fun! Watch for more details coming soon!



Serving the
Lord in **Cambodia**

MISSION
OF CHRIST
Network

Now Is The Time

All Messiah Women are Invited to Come Hear
a Presentation by Former Messiah Student
and Missionary Hayley Steinbauer

July 20 | 1–2 pm | Messiah Café

Presentation • Q&A • Refreshments • Free-will Offering

Event Sponsored by Messiah Lutheran Women in Mission

July 19 – 26

Sun 19	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services with Holy Communion LWML Mites for Missions 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Class (FEC & Fellowship Hall)
Mon 20	Pastor Bobby's Day Off 7:00PM-Voters' Meeting (Sanctuary) 5:00-7:30PM – VBS, July 20-24
Tue 21	11:00AM-Staff Meeting (FEC Conference Room) 1:00-3:30PM-Orphan Grain Train (1901 SW 6 th St, Ste #1) 5:00-7:30PM – VBS, July 20-24
Wed 22	9:30AM-Mercy Quilts (Fellowship Hall) 9:30AM-Women's Bible Study (FEC Conference Room) 5:00-7:30PM – VBS, July 20-24
Thur 23	12:30PM-Cross Talk Assembly (FEC Room 200) 5:00-7:30PM – VBS, July 20-24
Fri 24	11:00AM-Bulletin Assembly (FEC Conference Room) 5:00-7:30PM – VBS, July 20-24
Sat 25	DCE Rod Lane's Day Off 11:30AM-1:00PM-BLOC (Fellowship Hall) 6:00P-Divine Service
Sun 26	8:30 & 11:00AM-Divine Services 9:45AM-Sunday School/Bible Class (FEC & Fellowship Hall) 12:30PM - Belize Informational Meeting w/Lunch (FEC Rm 200)

* FEC = Family Education Center – Red Brick Building across from the Church.

663 – “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your-self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch-ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -

en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -

tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -

har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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892 – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
 4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To Thy fi-nal har-vest home;



All be safe-ly gath-ered in Ere the win-ter storms be-gin;
 Wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, Un-to joy or sor-row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of-fens-es purge a-way,
 Gath-er Thou Thy peo-ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.
 Give His an-gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, In Thy gar-ner to a-bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit-ful ears to store In His gar-ner ev-er more.
 Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

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627 – “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”



1 Je-sus Christ, our bless-ed Sav-ior, Turned a-way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un-dy-ing, He, this pre-cious
 3 Je-sus here Him-self is shar-ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa-ther, who from heav-en To His own this



wrath for-ev-er; By His bit-ter grief and woe
 food sup-ply-ing, Gives His bod-y with the bread,
 are pre-par-ing, For if you do not be-lieve,
 food has giv-en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e-vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg-ment then you shall re-ceive.
 Gave in-to death His on-ly Son.

5. Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

6. Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and rose.

7. Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,
 And receive My grace and favor:
 Those who feel no pain or ill
 Need no physician's help or skill.

8. “For what purpose was My dying
 If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food
 If you yourself were pure and good?”

9. If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.

10. Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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772 – “In Holy Conversation”



1 In ho - ly con-ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
2 These ho - ly con-ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child-like ways;
3 As ho - ly con-ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

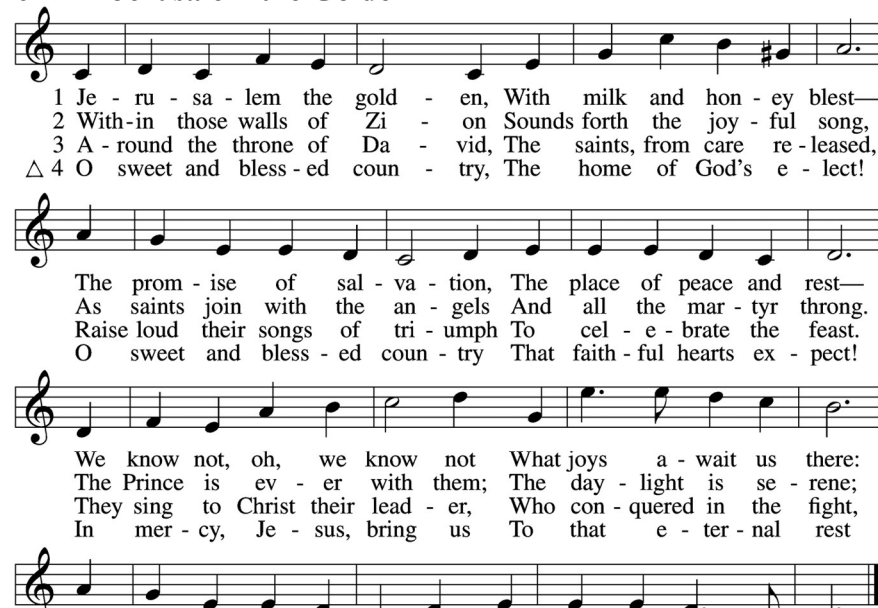
And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep-est thoughts we share.
We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex-pressed,
So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex-press-ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray-ing, His Spir - it in - ter-cedes.
Then an-swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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672 – “Jerusalem the Golden”



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!

The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!

We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest

The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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