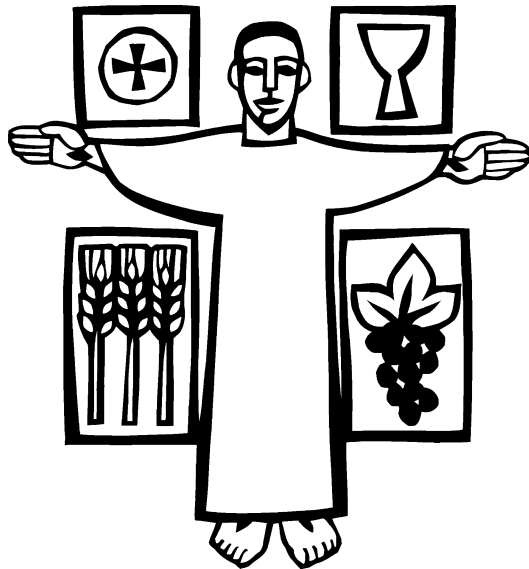


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:00 am August 10, 2025

Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 33

Pastor Happy is the nation whose God is Lord!

**All The Lord looks down from heaven
and sees all humankind.**

Pastor God watches all who dwell on the earth.

All God observes all our deeds.

Pastor Truly, the eyes of our Lord are upon those who fear him.

All Upon those who wait for his steadfast love.

Pastor May our innermost being wait for the Lord.

**All May our hearts rejoice in the Lord
and his loving kindness be upon us.**

GATHERING HYMN
All sing.

Text and music: Twila Paris

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We bow down

You are Lord of cre - a - tion and Lord of my life,
 Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heav - ens be -
 fore there was time, and Lord of all lords you will be.
 We bow down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow
 down and we wor - ship you, Lord; we bow down and we
 wor - ship you, Lord; Lord of all lords you will be.



CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
All Amen.

Pastor God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
All Amen.

Pastor Gracious God,
All have mercy on us.
We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us
alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus
Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through
the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Please stand and sing.

Wind of the Spirit



Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean - ing, and love is what we're breath - ing in the
wind of the Spir - it, wind of the Spir - it.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: WIND OF THE SPIRIT, Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you
wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

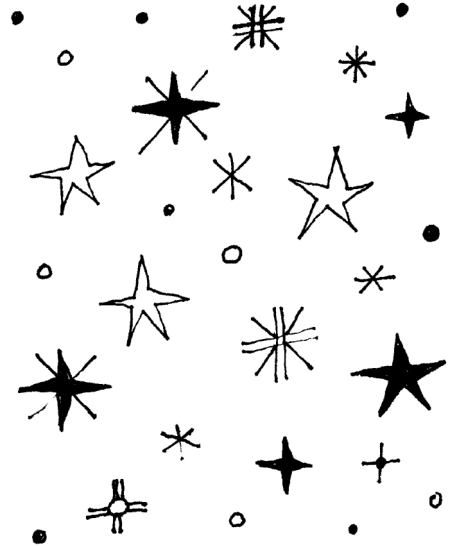
+ THE WORD +

Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**



Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader Word of God, word of life.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing.

What a mighty word God gives

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'What a might - y Word God gives!' with chords D, G, D, and G above the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics, featuring chords A/F#, Bm7, Em7, and A7sus A7. The third staff introduces new lyrics: 'When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread. God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.' with chords D, G/A, D, and G/E. The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics 'What a might - y Word God gives!' and chords D/F#, G, D/A, A7, and D.

What a might - y Word God gives!

What a might - y Word God gives!

When he speaks, our faith is fed. Give us, Lord, our dai - ly bread.
God sent us the on - ly Son, who for us the vic - try's won.

What a might - y Word God gives!

Text: James Tallman
Music: anonymous
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Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Teitman

Please stand and sing.

That Christ Be Known

1 That Christ be known, we share in Word and wa - ter;
2 To make Christ known, we say the Word in sto - ry;
3 In hope we serve; we give our-selves in glad - ness;
with ev - 'ry sign of love and grace the faith is shown.
with ev - 'ry tell - ing of our hope the faith is shown.
with ev - 'ry sac - ri - fi - cial act the faith is shown.
We break the bread and pass the cup for each and all,
We speak the gos - pel, free and clear to each and all,
We use our gifts, em-brace the gifts of each and all,
and in the pres - ence of this love, the Christ is known.
and in the mes - sage of God's love, the Christ is known.
and in the liv - ing of our love, the Christ is known.

Text: Marty Schaefer
Music: PAMELA, Marty Schaefer

APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

All

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:

Asst. Min. God of grace,
All hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayer:

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All And also with you.

Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."

Sit

+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that—offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.

OFFERING MUSIC

"For Your Glory" by Matt Maher

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains five measures of music with the lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second staff contains six measures of music with the lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' The music features various chords indicated above the notes: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E, F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes in the second staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

+ COME TO THE TABLE +

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
All **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 Come, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion will be offered by intinction.

*For those not comfortable receiving from the pastor's hands
a separate tray with preset elements is available.*

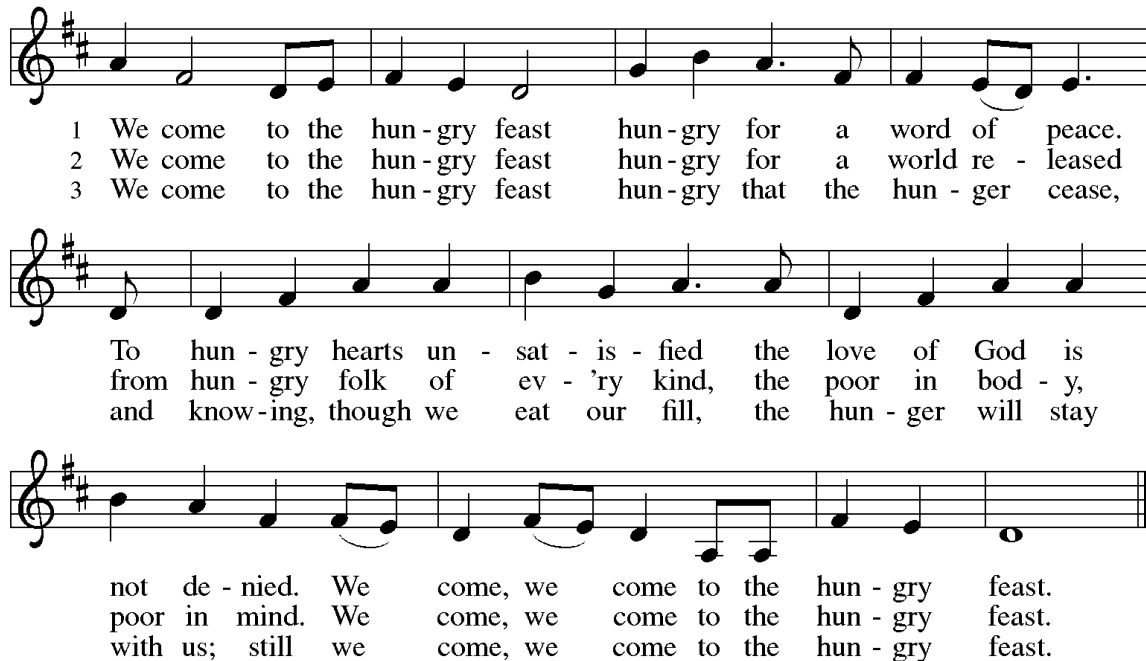
*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward
for a blessing. To receive a blessing, please cross your arms.*

You are an important part of our faith community.

In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.

COMMUNION SONG
All sing.

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Please stand.

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

All

Amen.

PRAYER

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now
send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus
Christ, our Lord.

All

Amen.

+ THE SENDING +

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG

All sing.

Be My Home

Be my Sav - ior; be my heart's de - light.

Be my vi - sion; be my guid - ing light.

Storms may press a - gainst me, threat-en to pre - vail.

Be my ref - uge; be my shel - ter from the storm.

Be my love that keeps me warm; be my

Sav - ior, be my light; be my home.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

Music: BE MY HOME. Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

All

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship. There is a children's worship bulletin for them. If you prefer, a nursery and/or childcare is available for children up to age 3 during all worship services.

Email: church@redeemermclean.org

Hearing help available: We have personal hearing amplification units available for your use. Please speak with the person at the sound board.

Church Phone: 703-356-3346

***Summer Sunday Services: July 27 to August 31
9 am for the contemporary service and 10:30 am for the traditional service***

***Starting September 7:
8:30 and 11 am for the traditional services and 9:45 am for the contemporary service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:
Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Always Ready

For which events are you always prepared? Perhaps the coffee is always on in your house, awaiting the unannounced guest at any hour. Or perhaps you always have your passport up to date, ready to take advantage of that spur-of-the-moment vacation deal that arrives in your inbox. Being prepared for what life brings us, knowing we're ready to tackle whatever comes our way, can give us a sense of security.

Today's gospel reading takes the idea of readiness to divine proportions as Jesus reminds the disciples to be prepared for God's inbreaking at any moment. How are we prepared for God to show up in our everyday life? How are we prepared to encounter God being at work, even now?

God's kingdom is like a grand wedding party where everyone is invited and has a light to shine. God's realm is like a gigantic feast where all are fed and no one goes away empty. God's reign is one in which humanity can invest in things that last, instead of hoarding for lean times, because in the community of God there is enough for all so we never need to be afraid.

While many people might hear this reading as referring only to Christ's final coming, in our liturgy we are reminded that Christ arrives in many and various ways all the time. We are blessed by the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism, in the bread and wine of the eucharist, in the face of our neighbors as we greet one another with God's overwhelming peace.

The kingdom of God is always at hand, breaking through the ordinary and mundane in extraordinary ways. Today we are reminded to be ready for it, to look for it, to anticipate it with fearless expectation. So, how are we ready to encounter Christ today?

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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