

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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9 am August 13, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 85:1-2,8-13*

Pastor Peace-loving and peace-giving God, you bless  
us with your unfailing and unconditional love:

**All We come to worship and praise our loving God,  
and rejoice in God's tender mercy towards us.**

Pastor Generous God, you pour blessings and grace  
upon us, forgiving us for our sin:

**All We come to worship and honour our merciful God,  
and rejoice in the wonder of forgiven and forgotten sin.**

Pastor Holy God, in the beauty of your shalom, and in  
the glory of your presence, all barriers are lowered:

**All We come to worship and revere our glorious God,  
who enriches the lives of God's own people and  
speaks peace into the hearts of all faithful people. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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### CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor We are called to follow Christ. We are called to obey Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

All **Loving God,  
we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts.  
Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy.**

Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.  
O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
<b>All</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

### **Reading: Romans 10:5-15**

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader	Word of God, word of life.
<b>All</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

**Please stand and sing.**

Text: James Tallman  
Music: anonymous  
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## What a mighty word God gives

What a mighty - y Word God gives!

What a mighty - 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 mighty - y Word God gives!

Bishop The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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



## SERMON

### *Bishop Leila Ortiz*

*The Rev. Leila M. Ortiz is a pastor and theologian in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and serves as the Bishop of The Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod since September of 2019. She works alongside pastors, councils, and church members as they discern their call in the church for the sake of the world.*

***Please stand and 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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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Pastor 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:*

Pastor Hear us, O God.  
**All Your mercy is great.**

*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 the Lord be with you always.

**All And also with you.**

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

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
Offering plates are found at the front of the worship space by the baptismal font and in the  
back of the church as you leave our worship space. Please give as you are able.*

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

## + SHARING OUR GIFTS +

### OFFERING MUSIC

*"Lord, You Have My Heart" by Martin Smith*

### OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' The notation includes various musical symbols such as treble clef, key signature (one sharp), time signature (3/4), and various chords (G, C2, Dm7, C2/E, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7, Dm7/G, C). There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor Let us pray.  
All **Gracious God,  
with your steadfast love  
you call us from death to life,  
from silence to speech,  
and from idleness to action.  
With joy and thanksgiving  
we ask that these gifts  
may be a sign of that love,  
and that we may continue  
to share all that we have received  
to the glory of your holy name.  
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.**

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

##### **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.  
**Please sit.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. You are an important part of our faith community. For those taking Holy Communion: Pastor will give verbal instructions on how Holy Communion will be distributed.*

**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**

Pastor

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**

Bishop

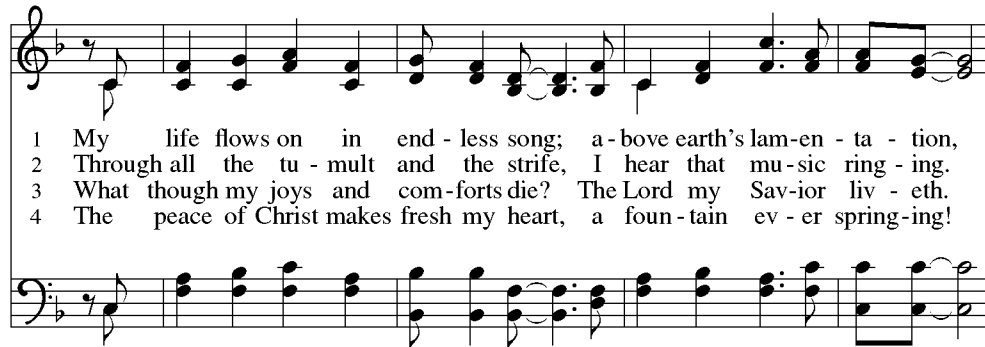
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All**

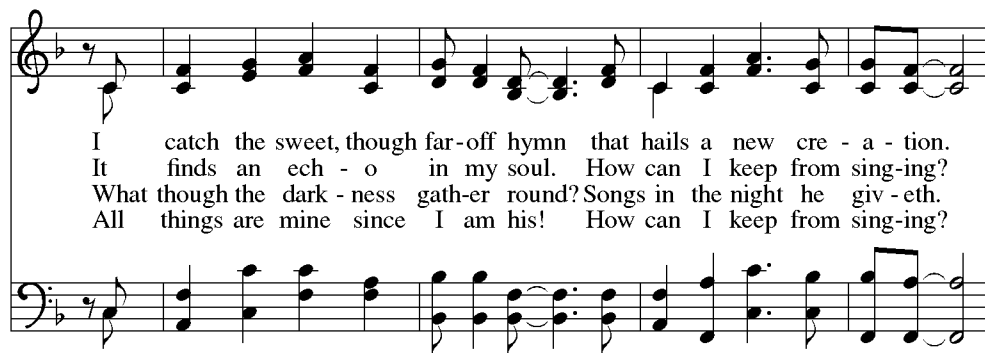
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**  
*All sing.*

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

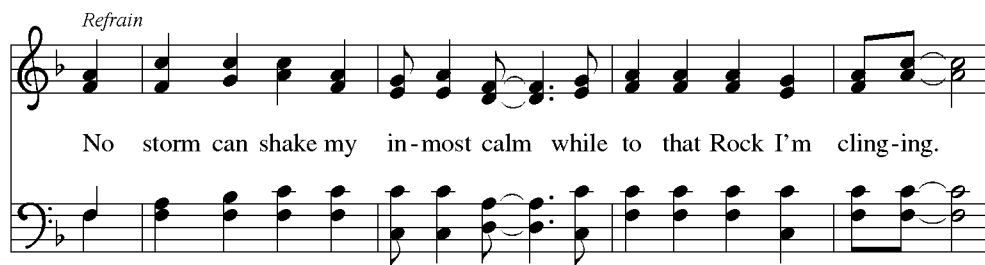


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor  
All

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Please join the Redeemer family outside the Crossroads foyer area  
for fellowship and refreshments.*

## **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**

Children are welcome in our worship.

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use personal hearing amplification units  
available in the narthex.

### ***Summer Sunday Services***

***July 23 - August 20 9 am - Contemporary Service 10:30 am - Traditional Service***

*Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28*

### **Here and Now**

“Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30). Right now! Right here! Right away! Peter was desperate. Neither Peter nor Jesus was thinking of heaven. The cry cracking through the storm at sea had nothing to do with a hoped-for future in a realm beyond earth in a time to come when the days of this life, here, are no more. In the tumult, in the deep-water chaos and fright, “Lord, save me!” is an urgent cry for Jesus to reach “here”—not to take me “there.”

Christians can become so bent on “being saved” as an afterlife promise that they go along, living with little discovery of Jesus present in the world, saving the world here and now.

“Lord, save” is a refrain repeated throughout all of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. In the first chapter of Matthew’s gospel is the prophetic “Wow!” that Jesus is Emmanuel, meaning “God is with us” (Matt. 1:23). From the moment he begins his ministry, Jesus makes visible and touchable the kingdom of heaven that “has come near” (Matt. 4:17). He gathers a community of disciples, announces and creates good news, cures, teaches the way of blessedness, does mercy, insists on forgiveness, encourages faith, remembers the forgotten, sees the unseen, chooses the rejected, gives courage, offers hope . . . all to save here and now.

“Lord, save me!” The saving takes place even before Jesus dies on the cross. The reason for his parables: to save. The meaning of the miracles: to save. The purpose of his teaching: to save.

“Lord, save me!” What a courageous appeal those words are, trusting Jesus to be Lord—master not only of a gated spiritual territory, but master on windy seas where we tremble and gasp and sink into the deep waters of a turbulent world that roils our lives. Courageous Peter, with little faith and little doubt, dares us to make his words our own: “Lord, save me!”

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*and in the memory of departed family, friends and pets.*

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