

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9:00 am August 24, 2025

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



*Remember the sabbath day.
Call the sabbath a delight.*

*This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does:
feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand.

Based on Psalm 103

Pastor Bless the Lord, O my soul.
All And all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Pastor Bless the Lord, O my soul.
All And do not forget all his benefits.

Pastor Our Lord forgives all our sins.
All And heals all our diseases.

Pastor The Lord works justice for all who are oppressed.
**All The Lord is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger,
 and abounding in steadfast love.**

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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



+ THE WORD +

Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The call of the prophet Jeremiah does not depend on Jeremiah's abilities or age. God will give him the words to speak. Even before Jeremiah was born, God appointed him a prophet to the nations, to minister in the difficult years before the Babylonian exile.

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Reader
All

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics. The third staff has a new melody and 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.' The fourth staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. Chord symbols are written above the notes: D, G, D, G, A/F#, Bm7, Em7, A7sus, A7, G/A, D, G/E, D/F#, G, D/A, A7, D.

What a might - y Word God gives!

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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 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Pastor Sharon Core

Please stand and sing.

Step by step

D(no3) G G² G D/F# D C/E C/D
 O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise

G D(no3) G G² D/F# D
 you. O God, you are my God, and

C/E C/D G G² G Em C/E Em
 I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-

D_{sus} D Am/E Am/C Am
 - ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

G G² G D/F# D C/D Am/D D⁷_{sus}
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my

1/ G D(no3) 2/ G G² G Em
 days. O days, and I will fol - low you all of my

D_{sus} D Am⁷ F C D⁷_{sus}
 days, and I will fol - low you all of my days, and

G²/D D C/D G
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol - low you all of my days.



APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min.

All

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

**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

"10,000 Reasons"

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles
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The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the first line of the song, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our' underneath. The second staff contains the second line, with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.' underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, C/E on the first staff; and F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, C on the second staff. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the 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.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth-er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
way of heal-ing; Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.

Great is the Lord

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm⁷ C C Dm

pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm⁷ C B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C F C/E Dm⁷ C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C G/C C B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am⁷/G Dm Gsus G C C^{sus} C

Lord! Great is the Lord!

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DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.
All

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

POSTLUDE

***Please stay for a brief Congregational Meeting after the service.
We will vote on the terms and conditions of the upcoming construction loan.***

Break the Rules

Have you ever encountered a rule or regulation that just didn't make any sense to you? What did you do? Did you follow the rule, or did you break it? And if you broke it, did you tell anyone that you did? Or did you quietly chafe against the norm?

In the reading from Luke for today, we find Jesus preaching in the temple on the day of rest and, seemingly on a whim, deciding to break the rules in front of everyone. The outrage of some people in the crowd might have come honestly, of course. Practicing their faith was a serious matter, and for many that meant carefully following the rules.

For many people today in our own communities of faith, following the rules is still a serious matter. But what if the rules prevent God's love from being shared or prevent grace from being shown? What if the rules effectively exclude rather than include?

God's loving grace is wild and free, overcoming obstacles and breaking through boundaries. Death cannot stop God's resurrecting love. Locked doors cannot stop the risen Christ. And today we see that not even religious rules can or should limit God's freeing grace.

Our gospel reading for today doesn't invite us to break the rules per se, but it does invite us to look at the rules, especially those related to our faith, and to think critically about them. How do the ways we organize ourselves and our communities extend God's grace and love, and in what ways might they prevent God's love from being shown and shared?

The God seen in Jesus intends to free humanity from the things that bind us. We see that clearly in Christ, who not only preaches God's grace but publicly reaches out with that same grace to heal and help and love. Even if it means breaking some rules.

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: Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14

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