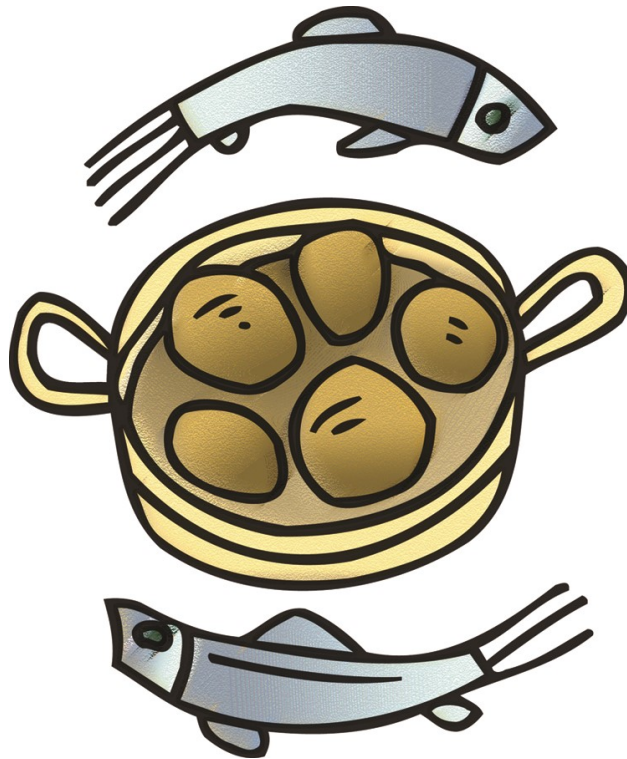


+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

9 am August 6, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Based on Psalm 145

Pastor Lord, you are good to all,
All **and your compassion is over all your works.**

Pastor The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
All **and you give them their food in due season.**

Pastor You are righteous in all your ways
All **and loving in all your works.**

Pastor You are near to all who call upon you
All **to all who call upon you faithfully. Amen! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

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.

CONFESSON 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.

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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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

Reading: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Please stand and sing.

Text: James Tallman
Music: anonymous
Text © 1996 James Tallman

What a mighty word God gives

What a mighty Word God gives!

What a mighty 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 Word God gives!

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

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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



SERMON

The Feeding of the Five Thousand *Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

Please stand and sing.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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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

"Give Me Jesus", African-American spiritual, arr. by Moses Hogan, Raeshawn Parker, soloist

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing.

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has five measures with the following lyrics: "We lift our", "voic - es,", "we lift our", "hands,", "we lift our". Above the staff, the chords G, C², Dm⁷, C²/E, and C/E are written. The second line has six measures with the following lyrics: "lives up to you:", "we are an", "of-fer-ing,", "we are an", "of-fer-ing.". Above the staff, the chords F, C/E, Dm⁷, Dm⁷/G, and C are written. There are triplets in the third and fifth measures of the second line.

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.

Broken for Me

Refrain

Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;

the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

1 He of - fered his bod - y, he poured out his soul;
2 Come to my ta - ble and with me dine;
3 This is my bod - y giv - en for you;
4 This is my blood . . . I shed for you;

Refrain

Je - sus was bro - ken that we might be whole.
eat of my bread . . . and drink of my wine.
eat it, re - mem - b'ring I died for you.
for your for - give - ness, mak - ing you new.

Final refrain

Bro - ken for me, bro - ken for you;

the bod - y of Je - sus bro - ken for you.

Text: Janet Lunt
Music: BROKEN FOR ME, Janet Lunt
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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

Pastor

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

All

Amen.

SENDING SONG

All sing.

Give Thanks

The musical score for 'Give Thanks' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!' The final line of the score is marked 'Last time'.

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now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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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Hearing help available: We have for your
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:

I Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

The Problem with Numbers

So much attention to numbers! Five. Two. Twelve. Five thousand. And far more than five thousand when the women and children are included in the count (almost as if it's a census-taker's afterthought). But who, really, was doing the counting? And why? Was there a crew in that deserted place tallying attendance like ushering teams who survey church pews on Sunday mornings? Probably not. Yet the numbers often dominate this story, a miraculous story so significant to the evangelists that it is, unlike any other miracle, written into all four gospels.

What might be lost from this story when the numbers—how many people, so few loaves, only a couple fish, and even the counted leftovers—command our attention? The numbers apparently consumed the disciples' imaginations and produced their reaction: "Send them away."

Consider how often stories end like this: "Send them away." How quickly, even easily, numbers settle an issue and decide a story's conclusion, people's fate. But for Jesus the story is not over. Instead he says, "They need not go away" (Matthew 14:16). The numbers neither control nor tell the story. Compassion does. And more, that is not only how the story ends; compassion is how the story begins: "When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them" (Matt. 14:14).

Rather than the numbers, it is the "where" of this story that is significant. We easily overlook where Jesus is doing his ministry: Ashore. In a deserted place. It is not in the religious space of the synagogue. In the religious space, Jesus' teaching so offended the congregation that, dishonored, he left unable to accomplish anything among them. Unable to make a space of compassion and care there, he goes out to where the people are. If this doesn't give us pause, we are not paying attention.

We see where Jesus is. Where is the church?

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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