

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*10:30 am July 13, 2025*

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



*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*



## + WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 25*

***Please stand.***

Pastor      To you, Lord, we lift up our souls.  
All          **O God, we put our hope, faith, and trust in you.**

Pastor      No one who seeks God will be put to shame.  
All          **All who seek God will be shown the way of the Lord.**

Pastor      Lead us, dear Lord, in your ways and teach us your truth.  
All          **Guide us, O Lord, this day and always. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**  
*All sing.*

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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.

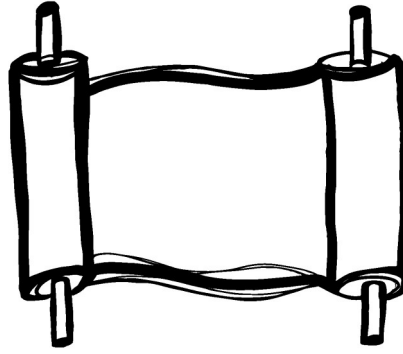
O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Amos 7:7-17**

*Amos, a shepherd from the southern village of Tekoa, is called by God to preach against Israel, the Northern Kingdom, in a time of economic prosperity. Today's reading illustrates how Amos's stinging criticism of Israel alienated him from those in authority, including King Jeroboam and the priest Amaziah.*

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will spare them no longer;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

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

### Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. The second staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'. The third staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half). The lyrics are: '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 has a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (half). The lyrics are: 'What a might - y Word God gives!'.

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!

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Music: anonymous  
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Pastor  
All

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

*Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Pastor  
All

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



**SERMON**

*Vicar Max Miller*

*Please stand and sing.*

## I Love You, Lord

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The tempo is marked as 108. The score consists of four staves of music, each with corresponding lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, Gm7/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm7, F/A, C7sus, C, Bb/D C/E, F, Gm7/F, F, F7, Bb, F/A, Fsus/G, C7, Bb/F, and F.

**Staff 1:** I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

**Staff 2:** wor - ship you, O my soul re - joice. Take

**Staff 3:** joy, O God, in what you hear, may it be a

**Staff 4:** sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

WORDS and MUSIC: Laurie Klein

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## **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:*

Assist. 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**

*"Trust In You" by Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren, and Paul Mabury*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## 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.***

### On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



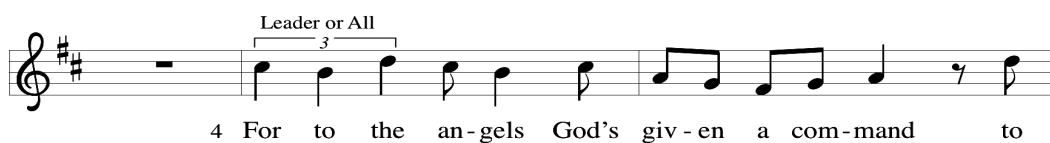
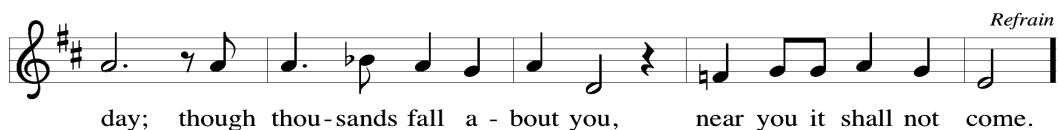
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



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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.*

## Shout to the North

*Luke 13:29*

*♩=75 With praise*

1. Men of faith, rise up and sing of the  
(2. Rise up,) wo - men of the truth, stand and  
(3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this

great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel  
sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing  
place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

weak, in your bro - ken - ness com - plete.  
pow'r of our awe - some King of love.  
high. By His grace a - gain we'll fly.



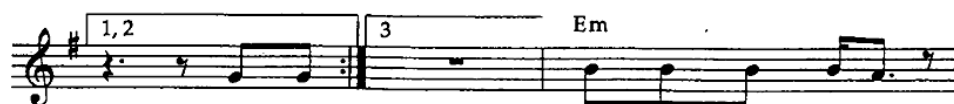
Shout to the north and the south;



sing to the east and the west. Je - sus is



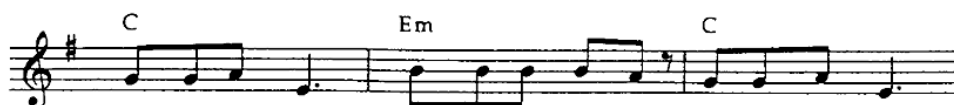
Sav-ior to all, Lord of heav-en and earth.



2. Rise up, We've been through fire;  
3. Rise up,



we've been through rain; we've been re - fined by the



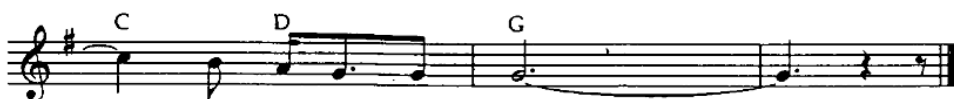
pow'r of His name. We've fall-en deep-er in love with You.



You've burned the truth on our lips.



Lord of heav-en and earth, Lord



of heav-en and earth.

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.  
All

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**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

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***Summer Sunday Services***

***June 15 to July 20***

***9 am for the traditional service and 10:30 am for the contemporary service***

***July 27 to August 31***

***9 am for the contemporary service and 10:30 am for the traditional service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

**Who Is the Good Samaritan?**

The story of the good Samaritan is well known, even outside Christian communities. Some ministries are even named after it. However, showing love and care to others, especially strangers, can be complex. Like the lawyer who comes to Jesus in today's gospel, many seek to learn how to live a life of integrity. Answering the call to love God with all one's heart, mind, and soul, however, often leads to questions about what that means in the real world. This parable calls listeners to generosity in extending care beyond charity and helps expand the definition of neighbor. There continues to be a steady increase in homelessness and poverty in our country, and loving a neighbor as a "good Samaritan" can often feel impossible. Nevertheless, we are still called to care for the most vulnerable.

Alongside care, another dynamic emerges from this encounter between Jesus and the lawyer. This is also a story about Jesus expanding the notion of who is capable and "good." By highlighting an unlikely character who does the good thing, Jesus' answer to the lawyer's question, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29), gives the lawyer a chance to think about the stranger as just as capable of love as he is. Loving is not exclusive to a specific type of person; we are all capable of it.

The invitation, then, is not just to love the stranger who walks through the church doors, but to see them as just as capable of bringing love with them. Loving God with one's entire being also means trusting that everything God has made, especially our neighbor, has the potential to be an extension of divine love. Seeing others as just as capable of being the good Samaritan as we are diminishes the societal hierarchies and judgments that keep us from sharing in the splendor of God's love with one another. So, like the lawyer, may we be surprised by the generous care of a stranger as we seek to do the same.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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