

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*10:30 am July 2, 2023*

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

*Based on Psalm 89*

Pastor O Lord, we sing of your steadfast love.

**All From age to age we proclaim your faithfulness.**

Pastor You made a covenant and established it forever.

**All We see your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Pastor We rejoice daily in your name.

**All We are jubilant in your righteousness.**

Pastor We glory in your strength.

**All Truly, we belong to you, our Savior and King.**

## GATHERING SONG

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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 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.**

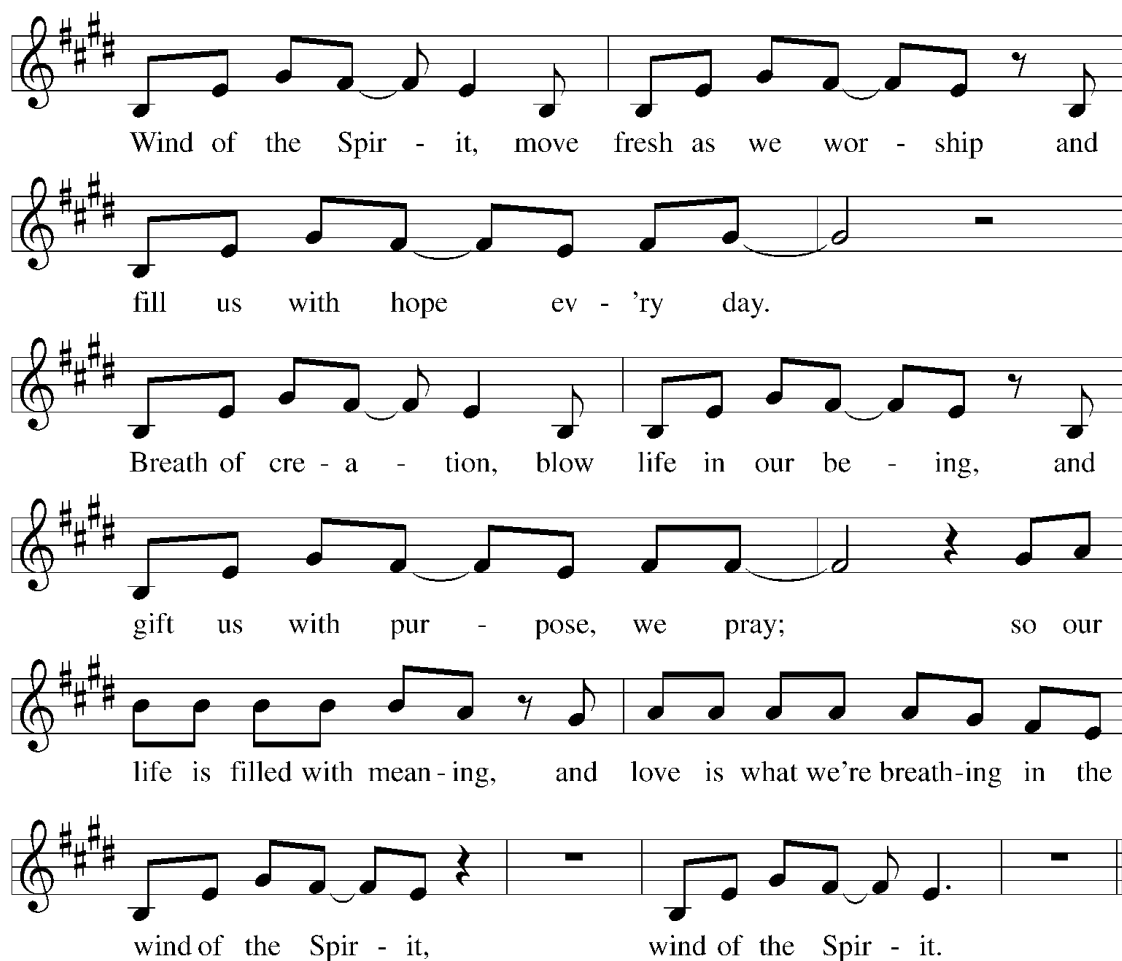
Pastor The promise of our faith is that we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Church of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love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

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

*Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

### **Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***Please stand and sing.***

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for 'What a mighty Word God gives!'. The second staff contains the melody for 'What a mighty Word God gives!'. The third staff contains the melody for '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 contains the melody for 'What a mighty Word God gives!'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: D, G, D, G, A/F#, Bm7, Em7, A7sus, A7, D, G/A, D, G/E, D/F#, G, D/A, A7, D.

What a might - y Word God gives!

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What a might - y Word God gives!

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

### **Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

## SERMON

### *A Cup of Water* *Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

*Please stand and sing.*

## Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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:*

Asst. Min. God, in your mercy,  
**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 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

*"God Bless America" by Irving Berlin, Matt Osifchin, baritone*

### OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff contains the first line of the melody with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our'. Above the staff are the chords G, C<sup>2</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>2</sup>/E, and C/E. The second staff contains the second line of the melody with lyrics 'lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'. Above the staff are the chords F, C/E, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>/G, and C. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes in the second staff.

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.*

## Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
watch - ing for you and for me. "Come home, come home!  
mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home!  
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

***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.*

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte). The lyrics are as follows:

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929  
Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.

**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.*

**A Welcome Promise**

Earlier in the chapter from which today's gospel comes, Jesus gave his first twelve disciples instructions and advice before he sent them out to minister, teach, and preach (Matthew 10:1-8). We too are called to proclaim good news wherever we go, and like those first twelve, we may wonder why anyone should be interested in what we have to offer. We're not sure that we are good enough with words to persuade anyone. We're not sure that we are good enough with tools to be helpful with practical tasks. We're not sure that we have the financial resources to change lives with charitable giving. Often, we're not sure that we are brave enough to even try.

It's a good thing Jesus never sends us out alone. He always comes with us! That's why he can say that anyone who welcomes us welcomes him. What a wonderful gift to be able to bring to the people we meet: the opportunity to meet Jesus himself!

Sometimes Jesus sends us to faraway places. Sometimes he sends us deeper into our own communities. Sometimes he sends us to welcome others, and sometimes he sends us to be welcomed by others.

In all of those times, and in all of those places, Jesus has this reminder for us: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me" (Matt. 10:40). We can depend on that because we can depend on him. Jesus is with us when we experience amazing hospitality and when we feel like we are all alone. Jesus is with us whether we are brave or timid. Jesus is there for the people we meet along the way, and Jesus is here for us. The promise is as certain as the waters of baptism, as real as the taste of bread and wine.



Welcome to Bishop Kurt Kusserow!  
Sunday, July 23 -- Global Mission Sunday

Come hear Bishop Kusserow preach at both services  
and meet him and his wife Pam between services.

Kurt Kusserow was born to the Reverend Ralph and Carol (Zigler) Kusserow and grew up in Malaysia and Singapore, where his parents served as missionaries from 1966 to 1982. He was confirmed at Jurong Christian Church, Singapore, on Christmas Day, 1977.

Bishop Kusserow received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English from Thiel College in 1985, and a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, in 1989. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on September 10, 1989 by Bishop Paul E. Spring, at Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh. His first call was to a cooperative ministry, Town and Country Lutheran Ministry, where he served Faith Lutheran Church in Oklahoma Boro, and Hebron Lutheran Church in Avonmore. In 1997, he was called to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church in Trauger, until his election to the office of bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod in June, 2007. Bishop Kusserow was re-elected to a third six-year term in June, 2019.

Bishop Kusserow will be at Redeemer on Sunday, July 23, along with his wife Pam. He will preach at both services. We will offer a Coffee Hour in-between service as a time for you to meet and greet them. Pastor Kessinger served with Bishop Kusserow as one of his assistants until her call to Redeemer.

***“Global Mission” in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America***

“... the ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope.”

One of the programs with ELCA Global Mission is YAGM: Young Adults in Global Mission. ELCA members, ages 21-35, spend a year in international service. Current country programs include Argentina/Uruguay, Central Europe, Jerusalem/West Bank, Mexico, Senegal, and the United Kingdom. Redeemer supports YAGM with a contribution from the Social Outreach ministry budget.

For more information about Global Mission and YAGM, see the [ELCA website](#).

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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### *Summer Sunday Services*

***June 18 - July 16***

***9 am - Traditional Service***

***10:30 am - Contemporary Service***

***July 23 - August 20***

***9 am - Contemporary Service***

***10:30 am - Traditional Service***

*Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

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

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