

+ Contemporary Worship +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

10:30 am July 9, 2023

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



+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

Based on Psalm 145

Pastor The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
All Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor The Lord is good to all.
All And we praise all of His works.

Pastor The faithful bless the Lord.
Pall They speak of His glory and power.

Pastor His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.
All His kingdom endures forever. Amen! Alleluia!

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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .

All

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ THE WORD +

Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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

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!

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

SERMON

The Inner Conflict *Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

Please stand and 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.
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!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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

"Grace Alone" Words and Music by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

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.

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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.

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



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



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 Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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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



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.



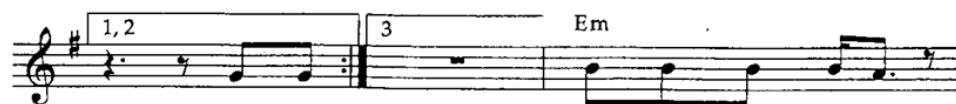
Shout to the north and the south;



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



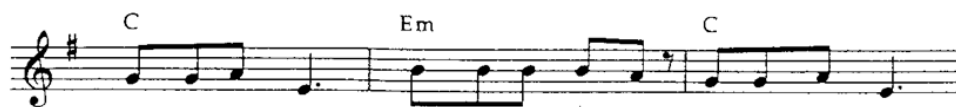
Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and earth.



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



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



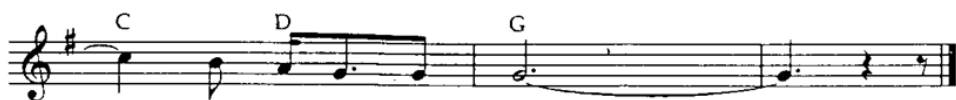
pow'r of His name. We've fall-en deep-er in love with You.



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

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

A Gift of Rest

When very young children are tired, they sometimes get cranky. Because they are still learning to interpret how they feel, they don't yet know that in order to feel better, they need to get some rest. They just know that something is not right.

Adults are not always a whole lot better about getting the rest we need. Even if we try, we have organized our society in ways that make rest seem like a luxury. We don't make sure that workers have enough time off, or even enough hours to sleep. We don't feel like we deserve a break if we haven't gotten enough work done. Even when we have the time, chronic uncertainty and anxiety can rob us of rest.

In the Bible, rest is more than just necessary—it's good. And it's more than just good—it's holy. It's right there in the Ten Commandments: everyone gets a day of rest. Jesus continues in that tradition by promising rest. Jesus doesn't say he will teach his followers how to rest, or give them a way to earn rest, or tell them where to find rest. He says, "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). He also promises to carry the burdens that make rest seem all but impossible. For Jesus, rest is not a luxury—it's a gift!

When we take time to rest, or make it possible for others to rest, we are not being lazy, self-indulgent, or wasteful. Instead, when we value rest, we are joining in Jesus' own work. We are being the body of Christ for ourselves and our neighbors. And when even that is too much for us to manage on our own, still Jesus promises to give us the rest we need.



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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Hearing help available: We have for your use personal hearing amplification units available in the narthex.

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:

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

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