

+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church

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*9:45 am June 11, 2023*

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



Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.





**+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +**

Pastor  
**All**

Come! Now is the time to worship!  
**We worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.**

Pastor  
**All**

We gather today called to go and share the good news.  
**We gather as God's people, sent out to bear witness to God's love.**

Pastor  
**All**

We gather to listen and share God's work in our lives.  
**We proclaim the goodness of God's love together.**

Pastor  
**All**

We gather to respond to God's grace as we continue on the path of discipleship.  
**We hear God's call and learn to say "yes" to God together.**

Pastor

We gather again to hear God's commission to love God and neighbor in everything that we do.

**All**

**We go knowing that as God's called, gathered, and sent-out people, we are not alone as we carry the weight of God's call into the world together. Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

## I Believe In Jesus

Marc Nelson

E E/B B

I be - lieve in Je - sus, I be - lieve in You, Lord.

E A B

I be - lieve He is the Son of God. I be - lieve You are the Son of God.

E A E/B B

I be - lieve He died and rose a - gain, I be - lieve You died and rose a - gain,

E A B

I be - lieve He paid for us all. I be - lieve You paid for us all.

A B/D# E E/G#

And I be - lieve that He's here now, And I be - lieve that You're here now,

A B E E/G#

stand - ing in our midst.

A B/D# E E/G#

Here with the pow - er to heal now,

A B 1. E A/C# A/B 2. E

and the grace to for - give. give.



### **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. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor      Let us pray.  
O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All            Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## + THE WORD +

### **Reading: Hosea 5:15--6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Reader  
**All**

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

**Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasss and was raised for our justification.

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

*Please stand and sing.*

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

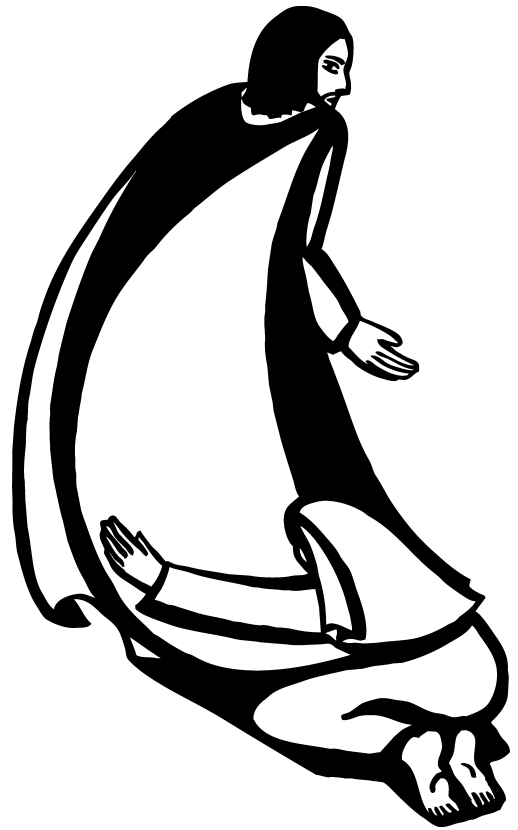
And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

**SERMON**

***Breaking Bread and Restoring Lives***  
***Pastor Joshua Wullenweber***





*Please stand and sing.*

## For by Grace

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is  
not your own do - ing; it is the gift of God.  
Sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion,  
sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion:  
it is the gift of God.  
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is  
not your own do - ing; it is the gift of God.

Text: Ephesians 2:8

Music: FOR BY GRACE, Thomas Ian Nicholas

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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*

## **+ SHARING OUR GIFTS +**

### **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.*

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*"Hear Our Song" words and music by Marc Byrd, Steve Hindalong and Jadon Lavik*



## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

We are an offering

Text and music: Dwight Liles  
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G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

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

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G C

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor

Let us pray.

All

**Holy God, you abide with your creation  
and in Jesus Christ, you gather us at your table.  
As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal,  
so now stay with us.  
As we receive these gifts of bread and wine,  
open our hearts to share what we have received,  
the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.  
Amen.**

## **+ COME TO THE TABLE +**

Pastor Friends in Christ, this joyful feast unites us.  
God has gathered all his people from around the world to commune at his table.  
**All And so we come from the East  
and from the West,  
from the North  
and from the South.**

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.*

## Will You Come and Follow Me

### *The Summons*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as -  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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.***

### **Be My Home**

The musical score for 'Be My Home' is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Be my Sav - ior; be my heart's de - light. Be my vi - sion; be my guid - ing light. Storms may press a - gainst me, threat-en to pre - vail. Be my ref - uge; be my shel - ter from the storm. Be my love that keeps me warm; be my Sav - ior, be my light; be my home.'

Be my Sav - ior; be my heart's de - light.

Be my vi - sion; be my guid - ing light.

Storms may press a - gainst me, threat-en to pre - vail.

Be my ref - uge; be my shel - ter from the storm.

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Sav - ior, be my light; be my home.

Text: Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami  
Music: BE MY HOME. Handt Hanson and Paul Murakami

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**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.

**All**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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

**Desperate Measures**

You've likely heard the saying "Desperate times call for desperate measures." Today's gospel features a story within a story, both of women, both restored to life and community. And the actions—of the girl's father and the woman with the flow of blood—are equal parts desperation and faith.

A father approaches Jesus in his desperation and asks for the inconceivable—that Jesus would lay his hand on his dead daughter and bring her back to life. Our daily news from throughout the world is filled with images of parents taking drastic measures to save their children. Asking this rebellious rabbi to bring the daughter back to life is certainly taking a chance!

Before Jesus even reaches the daughter, he is interrupted by a woman whose desperation has been building for twelve years. Due to a medical condition, she has lived as an outcast. She spends her days plotting her movements so as not to "contaminate" others and is accustomed to being on the outside looking in. Imagine how lonely she is. Her desperation leaves her determined to move through the crowd just to touch the fringe of Jesus' garment. He responds to this act of faith by looking her in the eye and telling her exactly what an incredible act of faith this was.

In these desperate, faithful stories, the appeal for mercy is met with mercy. What would make us appeal for mercy? A medical diagnosis that leaves us determined to exhaust all treatment possibilities? Praying for the impossible at a loved one's deathbed? Hurtful circumstances that leave us feeling isolated? Jesus calls Matthew from his tax table, then gathers with him and others around a dinner table with words of mercy. Week after week, Jesus gathers us at his table, because he is desperate to share that same mercy with us.

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Children are welcome in our worship.

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### ***Sunday services for June 18 -- August 20***

#### **June 18 -- July 16**

9 am -- Traditional

10:30 am -- Contemporary

#### **July 23 -- Aug. 20**

9 am -- Contemporary

10:30 am -- Traditional

#### *Next Sunday's Scripture:*

*Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [21:1-7]*

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

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