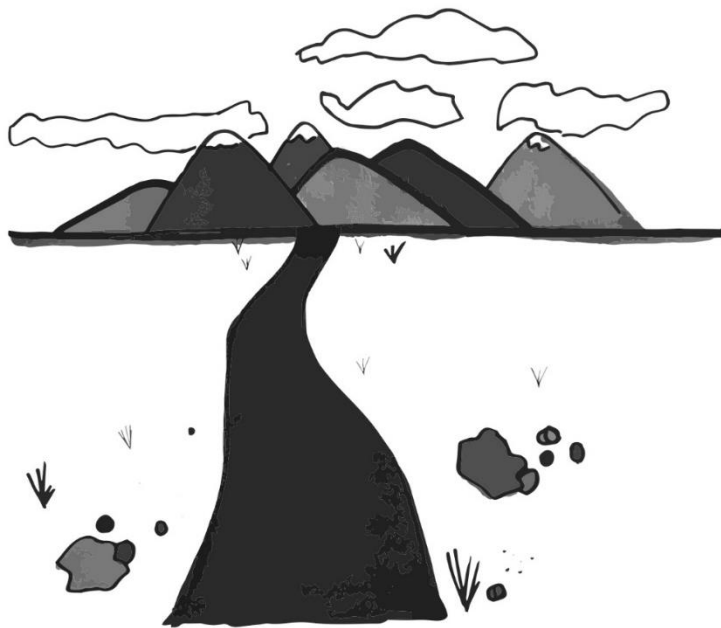
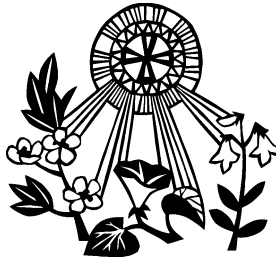


+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church  
*11:00 am June 28, 2026*

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





+ WELCOME TO WORSHIP +

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 89*

Pastor      Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
**All            from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

Pastor      For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
**All            you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

Pastor      Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
**All            They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.**

Pastor      They rejoice daily in your name;  
**All            they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

# 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.

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
All Amen.

Pastor Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,  
All we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.  
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.

Pastor Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.  
**All Amen.**

#### **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: Genesis 22:1-14**

*Abraham was prepared to obey God's command amid extreme contradiction: the child to be sacrificed is the very child through whom Abraham is to receive descendants. God acknowledged Abraham's obedient faith, and Abraham offered a ram in the place of his son Isaac.*

<sup>1</sup>God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. <sup>7</sup>Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>12</sup> [The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."<sup>13</sup> And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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.*

<sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, 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. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> 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.*

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The music is in the key of D major and 4/4 time.

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema  
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The Gospel is announced.

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:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>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, <sup>42</sup>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**

*When Trusting God Is Hard*  
Pastor Sharon Core

*Please stand and sing.*

**Thy word**

The musical score is written in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are: "Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. 1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. 2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end."

## **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 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

*"This is How We Overcome" words and music by Reuben Morgan*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

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G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G 3 C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

**All Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate tray 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

Lead me, guide me

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for if you  
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me  
walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers  
Music: Doris Akers; arr. Richard Smallwood  
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**Please stand.**

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All Amen.

**PRAYER**

Asst. Min. Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All Amen.

## + THE SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

Pastor

All

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
Amen.

### SENDING SONG

*All sing.*

## Firm Foundation

2 Timothy 2:19

$\text{♩} = 112$  *With confidence*



Je - sus, you're my firm foun - da - tion;

I know I can stand se - cure.

Je - sus, you're my firm foun - da - tion;

I put my hope in your ho - ly word,

I put my hope in your ho - ly word. *Fine*

1. (I have a liv - ing hope;) I have a liv - ing hope;  
2. (Your word is faith - ful,) Your word is faith - ful,

(I have a fu - ture.) I have a fu - ture.  
(might - y in pow - er;) might - y in pow - er;

(God has a plan for me,) God has a plan for me, (of  
(God will de - liv - er me,) God will de - liv - er me, (of

this I'm sure.) of this I'm sure.  
this I'm sure.) of this I'm sure.

**DISMISSAL**

Asst. Min.  
**All**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



## **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**

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### ***Sunday Services***

***8:30 am for the traditional service and 11:00 am for the contemporary service***

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

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and by Judy and Ham Loving in memory of their son, Adam, on his birthday.*

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