

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Our Mission: To share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.

Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023  
The Service at 8:30 and 11 am



*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Meditation on “Veni Creator Spiritus” - Paul Fey*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand.*

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor Most merciful God,  
Congregation **We confess that we are in bondage to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.  
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.

Congregation **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! #413

*We invite you to turn and face the cross (as you are comfortable). Please turn to the front of the sanctuary after the cross has passed you. All sing.*

## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

### APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation

**And also with you.**



**PSALMODY, READINGS AND CANTICLES**  
*From the Holden Evening Prayer by Marty Haugen*

**Psalm 141**

*All:*

*All sing.*

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -  
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my  
 hands as an of - fer - ing to you. \_\_\_\_\_

*Leader or Group One:*

*Cantor sings.*

— O God, I call to you, come to me

*All or Group Two:*

*All sing.*

O God, I

*Cantor sings.*

*All sing.*

now; O hear my voice when I  
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise  
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

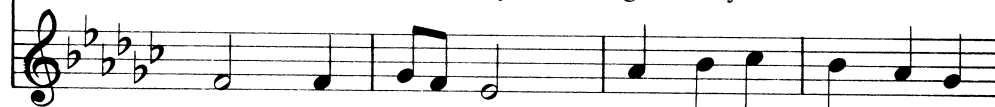
you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;  
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

*Cantor sings.*



deep in my heart may the light of your love be

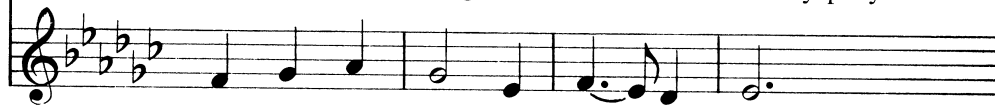
*All sing.*



watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the



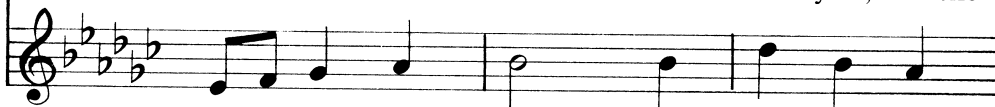
burn - ing bright. \_\_\_\_\_ Let my prayer rise



light of your love be burn - ing bright.



up like in - cense be - fore you, the



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



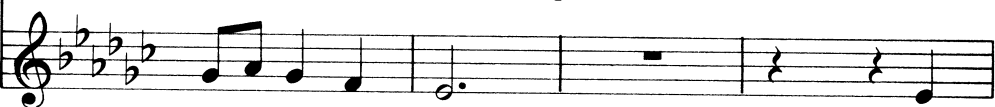
lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to



fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an



you. \_\_\_\_\_ All praise to the God of all— Cre-



of-fer-ing to you.

All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the  
praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love, ————— Let my prayer rise  
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the  
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to  
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. —————  
of - fer - ing to you.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor           The Lord be with you.  
Congregation   **And also with you.**

Pastor           Let us pray.  
                  Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Congregation   **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE WORD

#### Reading: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

## Psalm 8

*Congregation sings words in bold.*



O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**  
When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
**what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should | care for them?**  
Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
**You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
**the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

[Paul writes:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand and*





The Gospel is announced.

Pastor

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Congregation

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Pastor

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Please be seated.*

*God Created the Heavens and the Earth*  
*Pastor Sandy Kessinger*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING #881

*Please stand and sing.*

## Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## NICENE CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Congregation **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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,  
Congregation **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.  
Congregation **Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you always.  
Congregation **And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

## 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.*

## OFFERTORY

*'How Firm a Foundation' Early American Hymn arranged by John Rutter*

### COME TO THE TABLE

## OFFERTORY SONG

*Please stand and sing.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

Congregation

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**

**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**

**give us glad and generous hearts,**

**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand.*

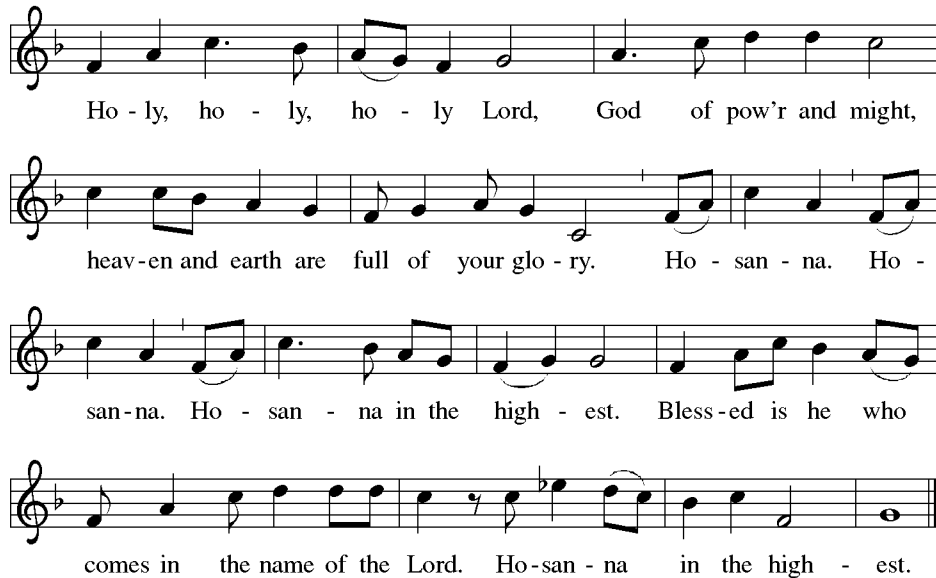
Pastor                    The Lord be with you.  
Congregation        **And also with you.**

Pastor                    Lift up your hearts,  
Congregation        **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor                    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,  
Congregation        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor                    It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
                              that we should at all times and in all places  
                              give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.  
                              You reveal your glory  
                              as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
                              equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
                              ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
                              And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
                              with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
                              we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*All sing.*



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor                    Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
Congregation        **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.**

*All sing.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNE

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*We gather around the communion rail either kneeling or standing to receive communion.*

*Communion will be offered by intinction.*

*For those not comfortable receiving from the pastors' hands a separate tray with preset elements will follow.*

*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.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN: HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE #398

*All sing.*

### Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;  
breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong-ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892  
Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625



*Please stand.*

Pastor

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

Congregation

**Amen.**



**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

Let us pray.  
Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection  
you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life,  
and the bread of life to nourish your people.  
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,  
that we may show your glory to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation

**Amen.**

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

Pastor  
Congregation

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE! #665

*Please follow the cross, turning toward the cross as it passes by your pew. As the cross leads, so Christ leads us out into the community to share Christ's love.*

*All sing.*

## Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
Music: WOJTKIEWICZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003  
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### DISMISSAL

Asst. Min.  
Congregation

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Festive Voluntary on "Lasst uns erfreuen" -Phil Lebenbauer*

### **Authority and Assurance**

When the eleven disciples arrived at the mountain to which Jesus had directed them, they might have been surprised or overwhelmed by his commission to make disciples, baptize, and teach.

At first glance, this description of their future ministry maybe felt like a tall order. But remember, they'd been watching and learning. And on either side of these ministry specifics are promises they surely found comforting: first authority, then assurance. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18), Jesus said. This is authority in the best sense of the word, offered with confidence, love, and respect. The disciples are empowered to do the ministry Jesus is asking of them. And next, they are given assurance in these final words from Jesus, which serve as a benediction—"I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). Whatever the outcome—trials, or joys that come along the way as they disciple, baptize, and teach—Jesus will be present with them.

This call is not just for the eleven but for us as well. We are called to heal the brokenhearted, care for the earth, and work for peace in the world. This commission comes to us in baptism. And having been baptized in the name of the triune God whom we celebrate this festive day, the newly baptized—whether child or adult—is presented to the assembly and welcomed into the mission we share, invited to join in "giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world" (ELW, p. 231).

Jesus sends the disciples from the mountain, and sends us empowered with the same authority and assurance that we do not go alone.

# Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

**Children** are welcome in our worship.

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## *Sunday Services*

*9:45 am for the contemporary service and 8:30 am and 11 am for traditional services*

Next Sunday's Scripture: Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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and in honor of Maritza Green  
by the Heier Family*

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