



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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August 23, 2015 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 am

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*Your offering may be placed in the offering plate in the narthex.  
LBW-Green Hymnal                      WOV-Blue Hymnal*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*<We stand.>*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*<We kneel.>*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*<We stand.>*

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**GREETING**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**WORD**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup> And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup> “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup> for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup> and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in

the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

<We stand.>

## **GOSPEL**

**John 6:56-69**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup> “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

<We sit.>

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Matt

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Matt

<We stand.>

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    **My Life Flows On in Endless Song**                      **WOV Hymn 781**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 OF INTERCESSION**

P: Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

<We kneel.>

*A brief silence is kept.*

*Response after each petition:* P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

<We stand.>

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*At this time, you may greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## **OFFERTORY**

## **We Are an Offering**

**ELW Hymn 692**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P:** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share

this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*<We sit.>*

### **COMMUNION OF THE FAMILY OF GOD**

*<We stand.>*

### **THE TABLE BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **POST- COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

### **SUNG BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**O Word of God Incarnate**

**LBW Hymn 231**

**DISMISSAL** (*Please face the rear of the nave.*)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Matthew Titus
Pianist	Lloan McCracken
Lector/Communion Assistant	Jerry Haltiwanger
Usher	Tommy Moose
Communion Preparation	8:30-Kathy Riggin/11:00-Rosemary Dominick

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## Announcements



**Welcome to Redeemer!** We are pleased to have you with us at worship this morning. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please see an usher.

**Refreshments** are provided after the 8:30 am worship service in the St. John's room to promote and encourage fellowship. All are invited to attend!

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kristin and Huger Caughman, Jr. by Huger and Anne Caughman.

**Check out our Website:** Weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, the calendar of events, and much more are published on our website. Also, you can sign up to receive our parish update emails by visiting [www.lutheranredeemer.org](http://www.lutheranredeemer.org).

**WELCA Heartland Conference Fall Project:** We will be collecting items for Lutheran Family Services of South Carolina – items for infants, birth to 24 months – diapers, wipes, bottles, blankets, cloth diapers, clothing, toys, etc. Gift cards, checks and money are also greatly appreciated. Please place your items in the bin in the narthex.

**Cottage Meetings:** We've got sign-up sheets in the narthex for people who would like to attend the cottage meetings over the next two months. What is this for you? Well, it gives you an opportunity to meet Pastor Matt and for him to meet you! We'll have fellowship, a little Bible study, learn about PM, and then get an opportunity to share with him those answers to the questions he gave to us in the July *Redeemer Reader*. Come join the fun on August 25, 26, September 1, 5, 10, or 12!

**August Meeting of Supper Club:** On Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm, we will be dining at Zorba's in Chapin. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the church office. Everyone is invited to participate!

**Sistercare Donations:** Beginning Sunday, August 23 and running through Sunday, September 13, we will be collecting baby and feminine toiletries, cleaning supplies, and paper products for Sistercare. There will be boxes located in the narthex for you to place your donations.

Do you love The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer? Do you like meeting and talking to new people? Does the prospect of handing out items with the church's name on it excite you? Do you enjoy spending time at Newberry College? Then come to the Newberry College **Welcome Back Wolf Bash** and help PM sit at the church's table tomorrow (8/24) from 12:30 pm-3:00 pm.

**Pounding of the Pastor:** Let's welcome our new pastor's family with an old-fashioned "*Pounding of the Preacher!*" The tradition welcomes the new pastor's family with congregation members dropping off non-perishable pantry items (a pound of sugar, a pound of flour, and so forth) or cleaning supplies for their new home. Please drop by the church office during the week of August 24 with your welcoming gift for the Titus family. The family has no known allergies.

**New Sunday School Classes Start Today**

Children's Clases

Pre-K/Kindergarten meet in the nursery  
 Elementary School ages meet in Preschool Classroom  
 Middle School meets upstairs  
 High School meets in the Youth Hall

Adult Classes

Men's Bible meets on First Floor near church office  
 Francis Fesperman Bible Class and Card Class meet upstairs in Education Building

Come and join us in Sunday School. Everyone is welcome!

**Calendar August 23-August 29, 2015**

**Today**

8:30 am    Worship  
 9:45 am    Sunday School  
 11:00 am    Worship  
                  FLC Rental

**Tuesday**

10:30 am    Prayer Shawl Meeting  
                  Cottage Meeting

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm    Supper Club, Zorba's in  
                  Chapin  
                  Cottage Meeting

**Thursday**

6:00 pm    Library Reserved

**Attendance for August 16**

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>11:00 am</u>	<u>110</u>
<u>Total Worship</u>	<u>165</u>