



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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August 30, 2015

14<sup>th</sup> 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: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

**WORD****FIRST LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9**

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SECOND LESSON**

**James 1: 17-27**

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not

produce God's righteousness.<sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.<sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;<sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.<sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.<sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

<We stand.>

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." <sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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**    **Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**    **WOV Hymn 713**

**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.*

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.

**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

**For the Beauty of the Earth**

**LBW Hymn 561**

**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

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| Presiding Minister         | The Rev. Matthew Titus                |
| Pianist                    | Lloan McCracken                       |
| Lector/Communion Assistant | Johnny Lindsay                        |
| Usher                      | Tommy Moose                           |
| Communion Preparation      | 8:30-Kathy Riggin/11:00-Helen Fellers |

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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.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virgil and Jewel Kinard and GP and Eleanor Caughman by Kristin and Huger Caughman, Jr.

**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 September 1, 5, 10, or 12!

**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.

**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 Adult Sunday School Class:** If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, come join us next Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 am for *The Gathering*. This class will focus on current events and issues as well as Bible study and other related topics. This class will meet in the classroom next door to Men's Bible at the top of the ramp.

**Calendar August 30-September 5**

**Today**

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

**Tuesday**

Cottage Meeting

**Thursday**

6:00 pm   Library Reserved

**Saturday**

Cottage Meeting

<b><u>Attendance for August 23</u></b>	
<u>Sunday School</u>	39
<u>8:30 am</u>	45
<u>11:00 am</u>	93
<u>Total Worship</u>	138