



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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16<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.**



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## **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:** **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

<We sit.>

## **WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**James 3: 1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,

yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*<We stand.>*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 8: 27-38**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**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**

**Built on a Rock**

**LBW Hymn 365**

**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**

### **Create in Me**

**LBW Page 118**

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

### SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

P: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### SUNG BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN

**Lift High the Cross**

**LBW Hymn 377**

**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

Tony Chapman

Usher

Communion Preparation

8:30-Jane Moose/11:00-Harriett Guy

## ~~~~~ 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, in memory of Voight Dominick by Martha Dominick.

**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.

**WELCA Heartland Conference Meeting** - Today, September 13, 4:00 P.M. at Macedonia Lutheran Church - We will carpool, so if anyone would like to go, please be at the church at 3:00. Thank you.

**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.

**Youth Event Kick-off for the Whole Church!** Sign-up with The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer youth and participate in Silverstreet Lutheran Church’s Color Run to support Camp Kemo! Registration forms are in the church office and available online at SLC’s website. The cost is \$25 with a t-shirt and \$18 without a t-shirt. The run will be held on Saturday, September 19 at 9am. Sign-ups close on September 12! Come to run or cheer! Support your youth and Camp Kemo!

**Supper Club** will meet Sunday, September 27 at 6:00 pm at The Blue Ocean. For reservations call the church office by September 24.

**New Administrative Assistant:** We are pleased to announce that Donna Price has joined us as our new Administrative Assistant. Donna comes to us with extensive experience from both the Piedmont Technical College and the SC Department of Transportation, as well as the private sector. Her first day with us was Tuesday, September 8. Please drop by the church office this week to welcome Donna!

**Calendar September 13-September 20**

**Today**

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

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm    Handbell Choir  
7:35 pm    Senior Choir

**Thursday**

6:00 pm    Library Reserved

**Saturday**

9:00 am    Color Run Silverstreet Lutheran

<b><u>Attendance for September 6</u></b>	
<u>Sunday School</u>	42
<u>8:30 am-46</u>	
<u>11:00 am-75</u>	
<u>Total-121</u>	