



# The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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15<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.>*

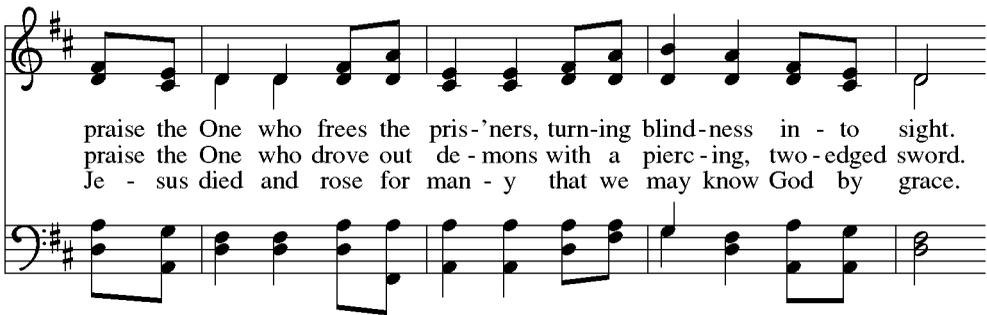
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

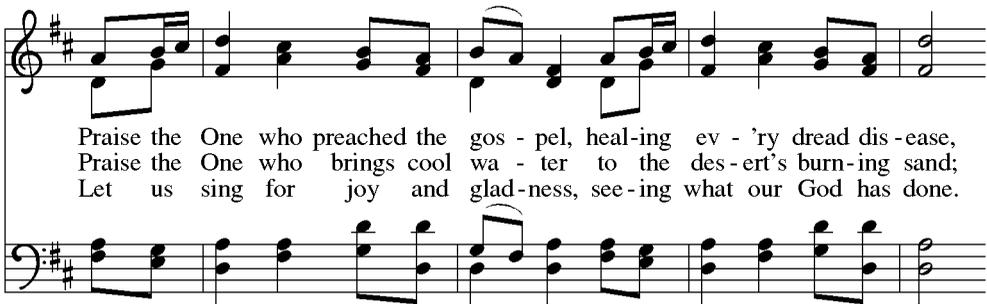
GATHERING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW Hymn 843



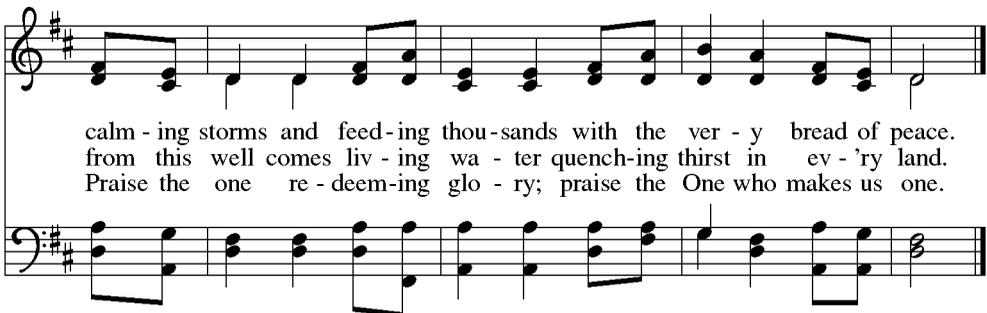
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## **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 35: 4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**James 2: 1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."<sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [<sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily

food,<sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?<sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

<We stand.>

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 7: 24-37**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”<sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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**

**Healer of Our Every Ill**

**WOV Hymn 738**

## 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

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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**

**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

**LBW Hymn 345**

**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

Kathy Riggin

Usher

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, in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Reyburn W. Lominack, Sr., MD, and on the occasion of his birthday by Bobby and Cynthia Lominack.

**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 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.

**Youth Even 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!

**New Administrative Assistant:** We are pleased to announce that Donna Price will join 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 will be Tuesday, September 8. Please drop by the church office this week to welcome Donna!

**Calendar September 6-September 12**

**Today**

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

**Tuesday**

10:30 am    Prayer Shawl  
6:00 pm      Finance  
7:00 pm      Lutheran Men

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

6:00 pm      Library Reserved

**Saturday**

Cottage Meeting  
NC Lutheran Day

<b><u>Attendance for August 30</u></b>	
<u>Sunday School</u>	37
<u>8:30 am-50/11:00 am-92/Total-142</u>	