

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” *LSB 779 v. 1, 4, 6*



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;
6 Show me what is mine to do; Ev - 'ry hour my strength re - new.



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.
There Thy blood - bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy peo - ple's death.

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Based on Psalm 67

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: **For You judge the peoples with equity.**

P: Of ourselves, we deserve only God's judgment.

C: **You guide the nations upon the earth.**

P: We confess that we have chosen our way in rebellion against You.

C: **We have sinned. We need Your forgiveness through Your mercy and grace.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

ABSOLUTION

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21–28

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

“God’s Silence”

Matthew 15:21-28

Additional References in the Sermon

But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. *(Matthew 27:14)*

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. ... And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great. *(Job 2:11, 13)*

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. *(Psalm 37:30)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still receive a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(Pastor and an Elder will bring communion to the pews beginning on the east outside aisle followed by the center and then west outside aisle. Please remain seated.)

CLOSING BLESSING

Based on Psalm 67

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: Let all the peoples praise You!

P: That Your way may be known on earth; Your saving power among all nations.

C: God, our God, shall bless us.

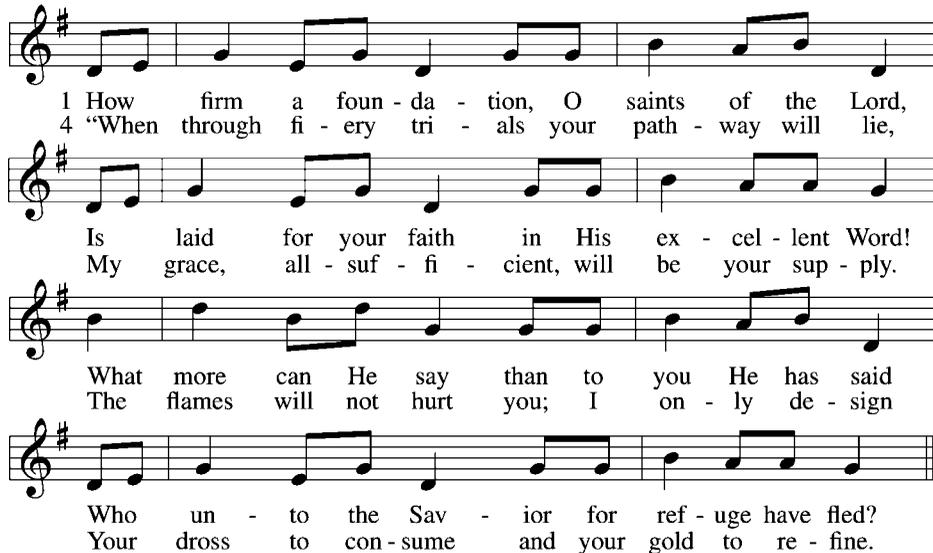
P: May God be gracious to you and bless you and make His face to shine upon you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728 v. 1, 4



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
What more can He say than to you He has said
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Weekly Worship Meditations and Preparation Thoughts

For meditation from Sunday's worship: Read Matthew 15:21-28

-Intentionally take some time to silently meditate on a verse from the Gospel reading.

-Pray with someone going through a difficult time, even if it means praying silently.

For preparation for next week: Read Matthew 16:8, 13-20, 23

-What changes with Peter's perspective in verses 8, 17, and 23?

-How does Jesus' warning in verse 20 sound to you?

Serving Us Today

Pastor - Rev. Peter Weeks

Director of Youth and Family Ministry - Arlyn Meyer

Pianist - Tracy Holloway

Elders	8:00 am	Jeff Kuenneth	(533-5844)
	10:30 am	Chris Byers	(275-5040)
Ushers	8:00 am	Dave Tuggle (Lead) and Doris Davenport	
	10:30 am	Max Bauer (Lead) and John Walther	
Altar Guild		Doris Davenport	

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Jim and Darlene Happel in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on August 18th.