

**We Worship our Lord**  
***We Are Family...F.R.I.E.N.D.***  
**7th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 27, 2025, 9:00am**

*An old saying that holds a lot of truth, You can choose your friends,  
but you can't choose your family.*

*God gave you your parents, your brothers/sisters. God gave you your  
children, and God has a no exchange policy. Your family is yours for  
life.*

*God has created us to share in intimate and loving relationships with  
each other.*

***Prelude***

**#905, Come, Thou Almighty King**

**1 Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,**

And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.



4 To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.  
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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Jesus for you.

**C: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes, He doesn't keep silent, before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.**

P: Jesus says, If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you,  
**C: ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: I call upon You because I'm troubled by my sins, my sinful thoughts, words, and actions. I'm equally troubled by those times when I've failed to act or speak up. Forgive me for the sake of Jesus, who delivered me through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that I may glorify You with my life.**

P: God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Together, we pray,

**C: God of mercy and grace, You've heard the prayers of Your people throughout the ages. Continue to point us to the promises found in Your Word to strengthen our faith. Lead and guide us by Your Spirit to boldly and persistently pray to You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Genesis 2:18-22** *(Sermon Text)*

Then the Lord God said, It's not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper fit for him. So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Colossians 2:6–19**

*(Stay rooted in Christ to be able to stand firm in your faith)*

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by

putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter, verses 1-13,

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

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. And He said to them, When you pray, say, Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. And He said to them, Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him, and he will answer from within, Don't bother me, the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he's his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks

finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent, or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! This is the

Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**#770, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,**

**All our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry**

**Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;**

**Oh, what needless pain we bear—**

**All because we do not carry**

**Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?**

**Is there trouble anywhere?**

**We should never be discouraged—**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Can we find a friend so faithful**

**Who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,**

**Cumbered with a load of care?**

**Precious Savior, still our refuge—**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**In His arms He'll take and shield thee;**

**Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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## **The Sermon     *F.R.I.E.N.D.***

### **The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

#### **The Prayers of His Children**

P: Brothers and sisters, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus taught us and promises to hear us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

P: Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of Redeemer Lutheran, and our community, nation, and world.

**C: Holy be Your name.**

P: Lord, we know Your name is Holy. We ask that it be kept Holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

**C: Your Kingdom come.**

P: Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

**C: Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

P: Heavenly Father, we know that it's Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

P: Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

**C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

P: Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.

**C: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

P: Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **God's Benediction**

***#917, Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise***

**1 Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise**

**With one accord our parting hymn of praise;**

**Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,**

**Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.**

**2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;**

**With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.**

**Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,**

**That in this house have called upon Thy name.**

**3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;**

**Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.**

**From harm and danger keep Thy children free;**

**For dark and light are both alike to Thee.**

**4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,**

**Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;**

**Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,**

**Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

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## ***The Postlude***