

We Worship our Lord
We Are Family...F.R.I.E.N.D.
7th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, July 27, 2025, 11:15am

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 no exchange policy. Your family is yours for life.

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

PreService Music

Opening Praise Song Here We Are To Worship

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 silence, 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism *Rowan Jean Carney*

P: Dearly beloved, Jesus says in the last chapter of Matthew, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In the last chapter of Mark God promises, Whoever believes, and is baptized, will be saved. And Peter has written, Baptism now saves you.

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Jesus claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Rowan, receive the sign of the cross both upon your † forehead and upon your † heart to mark you as one redeemed by Jesus.

Let us pray, Almighty God, according to Your judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your Son, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Rowan according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit. Grant that she be kept safe and secure loving and serving You at all times with an eager spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Sara and Andrew, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates. In the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples of the Holy life of faith in Jesus and love for each other.

Sara and Andrew, is it your intention to serve Rowan as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Sponsors: Amen.

Adam: Hear now the Gospel according to St. Mark: They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Adam: Together, we pray,

C: 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.

P: Sara, Andrew, Emily, and Thomas, on behalf of Rowan, please answer the questions I now address to her. Do you renounce the devil?

Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I believe.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Yes, I believe.

P: Emily and Thomas, do you desire Rowan to be baptized into the Christian faith?

Emily/Thomas: Yes, we do.

P: Rowan Jean Carney, it is with joy that I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C: Amen.

Adam: Emily and Thomas, on behalf of Rowan, receive this burning candle to show that she has been baptized into Jesus, who is the Light of the world, and now the Light of her life. May she always live in the light of Jesus, and be watchful for His coming, that she may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.....As Rowan has now become a member of God's family, please welcome her as a member of the Redeemer Lutheran family,

C: We welcome you, Rowan, because through the power of Holy Baptism, God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and a heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one Holy Christian Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Jesus, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. We welcome you, Rowan, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

P: We pray...Almighty and most merciful God, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Rowan the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus, and a heir of Your heavenly Kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace that, according to Your good pleasure, she may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven, through Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Rowan, peace be with you.

C: Amen.

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

L: 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.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Praise Song *Manifesto*

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 has 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.

Sending Praise Song

Lead On Good Shepherd

God's Benediction