

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

You have a place at God's table. You have a place here.

## Leader Version



**Sunday, July 16, 2023**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Sara Gorman**

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## PRELUDE

*Annika Nelson*

*Sonata in C Major - Allegro Spirituo*  
*Cradle Song*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**P** Righteous God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *Let All Things Now Living* (#881)

1 Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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## 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.**

**KYRIE (Verses 2 & 4) ELW p. 184**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A Let us pray.

**C Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13**

R A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11a**

R A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just

requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**R** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *ELW p. 188*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got

into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!”

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *As Rain From the Clouds* (#508)**

1 As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth,  
as snow from the heavens refreshing the land.

Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.

We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

2 As grain that is scattered your word has been sown  
on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.

Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.

We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

2 As rays of the sun shall your word light the world,  
awaking and warming and healing our land.

Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow  
and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.

We praise you, our God, for the light of your word;  
we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.

We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield,  
for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

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*Please stand.*

## CREED

**C** 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 power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.

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 again 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

**A** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### OFFERING

*Annika Nelson*

*Evocation*

### **Offertory Song: *Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (#512)**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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*Please stand.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray,

**C** **God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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.**

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

### HOLY HOLY HOLY (ELW p. 190)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow'r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
C Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to the Lord's table. You do not need to be a member of this congregation nor a Lutheran. Communion is a gift from God for the people of God, no matter where they are on their faith journey.*

*Gluten-free bread is available, as is grape juice. If you have questions about Baptism, Holy Communion, or faith, please take a moment and speak with the pastor.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

### ***This Is My Father's World (#824)***

- 1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
  
- 2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
  
- 3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

***All Creatures, Worship God Most High (#835) Vs. 1-4***

- 1 All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***For The Beauty of the Earth (#879)***

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

## Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

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*Please stand.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you in eternal life.

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**C** We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

**P** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ✚ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing (#547)*

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.



2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Zamba*

*Chacarera*

*Annika Nelson*

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# Announcements

Check the weekly email (contact [office@redeemerplymouth.org](mailto:office@redeemerplymouth.org) to subscribe) or our website calendar ([redeemerplymouth.org](http://redeemerplymouth.org)) for more announcements and community events.

## Redeemer Calendar

**July 17, 2023 Monday**

**Office Closed**

5:30pm VBS

**July 18, 2023 Tuesday**

**Office Closed**

5:30pm VBS

**July 19, 2023 Wednesday**

**Office Closed**

5:30pm VBS

**July 20, 2023 Thursday**

**Office Closed**

5:30pm VBS

**July 23, 2023 Sunday**

9:00am Worship

**July 26, 2023 Wednesday**

9:00am Quilting

**July 30, 2023 Sunday**

9:00am Worship

**August 2, 2023 Wednesday**

9:00am Quilting

**August 7, 2023 Monday**

6:00pm Worship & Music Team

**August 13, 2023 Sunday**

9:00am Worship

**August 15, 2023 Tuesday**

6:00pm Christian Life Team

7:00pm Council

**August 16, 2023 Wednesday**

9:00am Quilting

**August 20, 2023 Sunday**

9:00am Worship

**August 23, 2023 Wednesday**

9:00am Quilting



## Note From the Stewardship Team



As a reminder to some and as news to others, the projected expenses for Redeemer will exceed the anticipated income by about \$60,000 in 2023. Because of this, Redeemer will withdraw funds out of our bank account to pay those expenses.

This was approved in the budget meeting in January.

While we do have the funds available this year to do this, we are looking for ways to avoid it in the future.

Thanks for your support!

-The Stewardship Team



## July Item of the Month: Jelly/Jam

Each month we focus on a specific food item, but any non-perishable items are welcome. There is a labeled bin across from the church member mailboxes where you can place your donations.