

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Leader Version



Sunday, September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Sara Gorman

GATHERING

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

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 God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C **Amen.**

P Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (#835)

- 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!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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 1 & 3*) *ELW p. 184*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of
all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

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 peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
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 O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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: Jeremiah 15:15-21

R A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

R A reading from Romans.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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:

Will You Come and Follow Me: The Summons (#798)

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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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 Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

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

Offertory Song: *We Come Now to Your Table*



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:

and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray,

**C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our
Savior. 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. 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, 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

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*

Bind Us Together

CHORUS

♩ = 108

F F+ Dm7/F F7 Gm7 C7 B \flat /D C/E

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord; Bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be

7 F Gm/F F B \flat /C F F+ Dm7/F F7

bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord;

VERSE

13 Gm7 C7 B \flat /D C/E F Gm/F F *Fine* F2 F Gm7 C7 F

Bind us to - geth - er with love.

1. There is on - ly one God,
2. Made for the glo - ry of God,
3. You are the fam - 'ly of God,

20 Dm7 Gm9 C7 B \flat /D C/E F B \flat /C F2 F


there is on - ly one King. There is
 pur - chased by His pre - cious Son. Born with the
 you are the pro - mise di - vine. You are God's

26 Gm7 C7 F Dm7 Gm9 C7 B \flat /D C/E F B \flat /C *D.C. al Fine*

on - ly one bod - y; That is why we can sing: _____
 right to be clean, for Je - sus the vic - t'ry has won. _____
 cho - sen de - sire. You are the glo - rious new wine. _____

Step By Step

♩ = 104



O God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise You. O
God, You are my God, and I will ev - er praise You. I will seek You in the morn-
ing, and I will learn to walk in Your ways; And step by step You'll lead me, and I will
fol - low You all of my days.

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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 Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

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

QUILT BLESSING

BLESSING

P The God of glory,
✝ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back no turning back

Though none go with me I still will follow
Though none go with me I still will follow
Though none go with me I still will follow
No turning back no turning back

Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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Announcements

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

Redeemer Calendar

September 3, 2023 Sunday
9:00am Worship

September 5, 2023 Monday
Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday

September 6, 2023 Wednesday
9:00am Quilters

September 10 Fallapalooza Sunday!
9:00am Outdoor Worship
Rally Day, Backpack Blessing
God's Work Our Hands

10:30am Youth Gathering Info Meeting
12:00pm Church picnic

September 12, 2023 Tuesday
9:30am Synod Conference Meeting

September 13, 2023 Wednesday
9:00am Quilting
6:00pm Confirmation Information Meeting

September 17, 2023 Sunday
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Gift of Empathy Book Club
5:00pm High School Dinner

September 18, 2023 Monday
Office Closed - Vacation

September 19, 2023 Tuesday
Office Closed - Vacation
7:00pm Council

September 20, 2023 Wednesday
Office Closed - Vacation
9:00am Quilting

September 24, 2023 Sunday
9:00am Worship
10:00am Brat Fry Fundraiser at Piggly Wiggly
10:15am Gift of Empathy Book Club

September 26, 2023 Tuesday
6:00pm Fans of Fiction



Redeemer Fallapalooza!
Sunday, September 10 starting at 9:00am

Outdoor worship 9:00am
Rally Day
Bible Distribution
Backpack Blessing
Food Pantry Collection
Project Linus Blankets
Church Picnic
Bounce House

Join Us!



Project Linus Blanket Making
Sunday, September 10
God's Work. Our Hands.

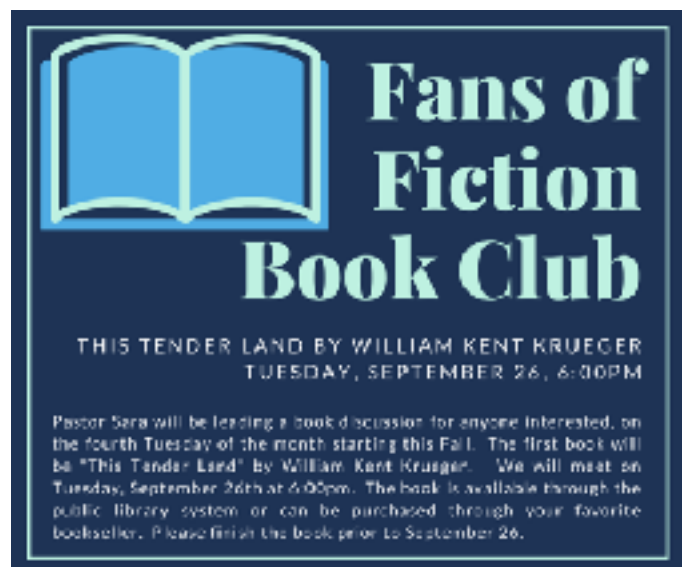
Bring in the blankets that we will donate to Project Linus. No special skills needed.

Also, monetary contributions to use for supplies. Make it count on the day we meet in the kitchen at 9:00am and welcome to Project Linus.



Food Pantry Collection
SEPTEMBER 10
God's Work. Our Hands.

Bring your donations to Redeemer by Sunday, September 10.



Fans of Fiction Book Club

THIS TENDER LAND BY WILLIAM KENT KRUEGER
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 6:00PM

Pastor Sara will be leading a book discussion for anyone interested, on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting this Fall. The first book will be "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. We will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00pm. The book is available through the public library system or can be purchased through your favorite bookseller. Please finish the book prior to September 26.