



Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2020 – 8:00 am

Grow In Christ ♦ SHARE HIS LOVE ♦ Encourage

Our Mission Statement: *“As Christians based on the solid foundation of God’s Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit we strive to live out, lift up, and share our faith in Jesus Christ – welcoming all into our Family of Believers.”*

Values:

Truth, Prayer, Family of Believers, Teaching, Community Engagement, Healing/Caring, Joy

SERMON SERIES: 40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Much has changed around us since March. COVID has impacted much of our daily lives. Let us take these 40 days and remind ourselves that Christ’s Church knows exactly what to do in these challenging times (actually any time): Pray! Join our Family of Believers in a 40-day prayer challenge! Let us pray together! What a friend we have in Jesus – take it to the Lord in prayer!

THEME FOR TODAY: Throughout this whole COVID-19 experience there has been a plethora of information, misinformation, data, and speculation. This week we are praying for God to help us ground our lives in wisdom which can only come from Him. How do we live with the best information that we have at the current time and trusting in the Lord who gives us all things? What is wisdom? How do we get it? How do we use it?

+ We Come Into God’s Presence +

() Those who are able are asked to stand during these parts of the Service.*

WELCOME and GREETINGS *(We welcome our fellow worshipers.)*

(*) OPENING PRAYER

HYMN “With The Lord Begin Your Task” LSB 869

1 **With the Lord begin your task;
 Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
 Jesus will perfect it.**

**Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,
 And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
 Be to Him commended.**

2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

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(*) OPENING SENTENCES (*Please stand.*)

P: "I was glad when they said to me, let us live as the house of the Lord."

C: **Calm me down, Lord. Quiet the churning that's going on inside of me--all the hurry and hustle of everyday living- and fill me with your presence. I know I need the rest of prayer in my life. I am glad you are here.**

P: "Oh, come, let us pray to the Lord, let us cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us bring everything before Him with thanksgiving."

C: **We are thankful, Lord, but these last few months have been so slow, so hectic, so lonely, yet so overwhelming- sometimes all at the same time--. Still, we have much for which to praise you.**

P: "Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."

C: **It is good to pause and to be refreshed as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Lord, we are ready to listen to You and to be strengthened by Your Word and the care of our fellow Christians.**

All: "Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise."

All sing: This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it!
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

(*) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: As we come into the presence of our God, we hear the invitation of Jesus, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

C: **Lord Jesus, we come to You today burdened not only with the cares and troubles of this life, but also with our sins--our sins in thought, word, and deed, against You, and against others. Lord, we accept Your invitation, and we lay our burden on you, because we believe that You carried our sins to the cross with You. Forgive us, renew us, and grant us Your promised rest for our souls. Amen.**

(a time of silent reflection)

P: God's Word says, "Jesus Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed." As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I say to you, "Go in peace, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

C: **Amen.**

(*) HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 722, st. 1)

**Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way. *(Please be seated.)***

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+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Ecclesiastes, chapter three.

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³ That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴ I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. *Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. *(Please stand to sing.)***

(*) RESPONSE HYMN

(LSB 752, st. 2)

**Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

(*) HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world

did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1:1-5,9-14 NIV*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN “Lead Me, Guide Me”LSB 721

Refrain: **Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

**2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

**3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain**

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE “Wisdom From Above” - John 1:1-5, 9-14

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" – Sounds of Praise, Music Sunday 2019

(*) OFFERTORY (*Please stand.*) "You Are My Vision"

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| <p>1. You are my vision, O King of my heart.
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord.
You are my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.</p> | <p>2. You are my wisdom, You are my true word.
I ever with You, and You with me, Lord.
You're my great Father, and I'm Your true son.
You dwell inside me, together we're one.</p> |
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+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

I 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. Amen.

(*) PRAYERS

Congregation's response: "Hear our prayer"

(*) 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.

(*) BENEDICTION

P: "To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy--to the only God our Savior, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!" (*Jude 24,25*)

C: Amen.

1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✝ Noel Berthiaume, Jerry Ott, Lynora Miller, Lynn Hebig, Craig Nelson, Orin Kuhn, Bob Bauer, Jennifer Pralle

Receiving Hospice care:

✝ Ann Boyd and Goldie Golberg

Rejoice:

✝ With Andrew Werle and Amanda Warzecha who were united in marriage on September 4.

Guidance:

✝ Guidance for our governmental and civic leaders in the Rochester area.

PRAYER CHAINS – If you have a prayer request, call Gail Sim (289-2087), the church office (289-5147), or send an email to Lori Hameister at littlebitmoo@gmail.com.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY OF BELIEVERS: August 27/30, 2020

- ✝ Alvin and Stacey Zimmerman, Zachary, Brooke, and Bryan
- ✝ Glenn and Jan Dicke
- ✝ Elaine Gittus
- ✝ Tony and Jill Fick, Taylor, Alyssa and Brody
- ✝ And, for those who will hear the Good News of Great Joy from us this week.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

PROJECT COMPASSION FLOWERS

Will be shared with:

- ♥ Elaine Gittus who celebrated her 86th birthday on September 4.
- ♥ Goldie Goldberg who celebrates her 98th birthday on September 6.
- ♥ Helen Eisenman who celebrates her 94th birthday on September 8.
- ♥ Lester Clapp who celebrates his 83rd birthday on September 10.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Sundays at 8 am via Live Stream on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Outdoor Worship with Communion: (Parking Lot)

Thursdays at 6 pm and Sundays at 10:00 am

(Weather permitting.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am

OUTDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:00 am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Men's Bible Study via Conference call - 9:00 am

Faithfully Fit Forever Group 1 - Outside - 9 am

Staff Meeting - Zoom - 9:30 am

Faithfully Fit Forever Group 2 - Outside - 10:15 am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Sunday School Teacher Training—Zoom—6:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Faithfully Fit Forever Group 1 - Outside - 9 am

Staff Meeting - Zoom - 9:30 am

Faithfully Fit Forever Group 2 - Outside - 10:15 am

OUTDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION—6 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Livestream WORSHIP - 8:00 am

INDOOR WORSHIP/COMMUNION - 10:45 am

So much planning goes into youth athletics and sports, today. Not the least of which, should be taking precautions to keep our youth safe, fit, and enjoying their favorite sports! Here are a few tips, from the Centers on Disease Control and Prevention, to consider in keeping our young people safe, during a world-wide pandemic.

PROMOTING BEHAVIORS THAT REDUCE VIRAL SPREAD:

- Stay home if sick.
- Use hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:
 - Teach & reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol or higher can be used.
 - Do not allow spitting and encourage everyone to cover their coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of their elbows.
- Wear masks. This is most important when physical distancing is difficult, but should be worn by coaches, youth sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators, as much as possible.
- Use good signs and messages in highly visible locations, such as entrances & exits, and in restrooms, regarding safe health practices.
- Players should bring and use, only their own equipment, like gloves and bats, if possible.
- Reduce physical closeness and keep 6 feet of space between players whenever possible.
- Players should clean their hands both before and after practices, games, and sharing equipment.
- Players should tell their coach or staff member if they do not feel well, even after the sport has begun. And they should leave the game, if necessary.

Please stay cognizant of new and updated guidelines for yourselves and all members of your family, as more safety measures are established and proven.

<https://www.cdc.gov/> & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Virtual Cancer Connection Meeting — Please join us! **Monday, September 14, at 7:00 pm**

We will be having our September Cancer Connection meeting, on **Monday, September 14th, from 7-8:30 p.m., on a Zoom call.** Dr. Susanne M. Cutshall, Mayo Clinic Clinical Nurse Specialist, Department of Integrative Medicine will not be able to be with us until the October 12th meeting, talking about “Integrated Therapy and Traditional Medicine in Treating Cancer Patients”. Dr. Cutshall has asked that we generate some group discussion about both “Integrative and Traditional Treatment Experiences” and what questions we have for her. Our time together will include a scriptural devotion, a discussion on self-care, prayer, and sharing by the group. All are welcome!

Everyone who has attended previous meetings will receive an email, with the link to the Zoom-Meeting, a week prior, as well as on Monday, September 14th, with the simple, easy instructions to connect. Any additional Redeemer members, who are interested in attending this “Zoom” meeting, please contact Kathy Zarling, RN, Redeemer Parish Nurse, at 507-398-7036, or call the church office to let Chris know you would like to attend the virtual meeting, and the link will be sent to you. We look forward to having you join us! *Redeemer's Cancer Connection Team*

HOW you can HELP

We at Redeemer have been blessed and we at Redeemer know that our Family of Believers is bigger than our congregation. Right now our larger Family of Believers in Iowa and the Gulf need our help in the wake of Hurricane Laura and the recent derecho storm to devastate Iowa. Please consider sending a check made out to Redeemer with "Disaster Relief" in the memo line. These checks will be collected and a portion will be sent to Saint John Lutheran Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where we have a congregational connection and we know specific needs. The rest will be sent to the LCMS Disaster Relief Fund for their wise and faithful stewardship to congregations in need. You can also give directly to this fund by visiting <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response> This is one way we can care for our larger Family of Believers in their time of need. Please, keep them in your prayers!

Redeemer Golf Outing



After carefully considering the potential risk of the Coronavirus, the decision has been made to move the Annual Redeemer Golf Outing to next year.

Although most golf courses are open, planning an event like ours that includes a nice meal and fellowship in addition to the golf, is difficult.

Postponing to next year should allow us to enjoy the event as we have in the past, and stay safe.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study



The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study will be placed "on hold" for the time being.

It has been determined it is best to wait until we know what plans may be implemented in the church before moving forward with our Bible Study. Watch for further details as more information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Walters.



Parents and Kids,

We hope that your summer has been special with more time spent at home. Have you been doing some family activities that you haven't done before, reading lots of books, splashing in a pool in your backyard? Did you join in on the great VBS that our church planned for you?

Redeemer's Family Ministry Team has been busy with you in mind, too. Be watching your mailbox in September. You should be getting a big brown envelope from Redeemer. Inside that big brown envelope will be your next installment of the *Faith Journey* material. So look for your *Faith Journey* binder and get ready to add more pages to it. We pray that you will learn more about Jesus, your church and how God loves you very much.

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