



REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 29, 2021 – 8:00 and 9:30 am

GROW IN CHRIST • SHARE HIS LOVE • ENCOURAGE

OTHERS

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

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in each service the weekends of the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month. We invite those who acknowledge their sinfulness, recognize that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for our forgiveness, and are willing to give witness to the unity of their faith with this community, to join with us in receiving the sacrament. For those who for health or conscience reasons are not able to receive wine, juice options are available. Gluten-free wafers and juice sets are also available for those with that allergy.

CONNECT CARDS: During this COVID time, we ask that EVERYONE who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and drop it into the little house located in the Narthex as you leave.

MASKS: Wearing of masks inside Redeemer is recommended, especially during singing, in concordance with the current Olmsted County recommendations.

ANOINTING: If you would like to have a pastor pray over you or anoint you with oil we encourage you to come up after the service is over and kneel at the rail. Spread out as you come up and our Pastor's will come by to pray.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: Have you ever sat back in a great moment and thought or said, "This is the life?" Today the one who created your life, the one who knows what is best for your life, the one who is life reminds us where to find the best life! His ways - His life = The Best life!

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(We welcome our fellow worshipers.)*

OPENING HYMN "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" LSB 790

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

(*) GREETING AND SALUTATION *(Please stand.)*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We gather to hear the Word of God, receive his body and blood, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord. Let us pray.

(*) PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Great God our healer, by your power the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

C: **look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**

P: Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,

C: **and light to illuminate our darkness.**

P: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

C: **our crucified and risen Lord,**

P: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** *(Please be seated.)*

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Lesson for Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost is from the fourth chapter of Deuteronomy.

¹ Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to

what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the

nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am

setting before you today?⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. *Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

L: The Epistle Reading is from the sixth chapter of Ephesians.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of

peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. *Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(*) RESPONSE

(W&P 90)

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.
 I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
 From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

(*) GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

¹⁷ After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸ "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into their heart but

into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰ He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹ For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person." *Mark 7:14-23 NIV*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Parent's, please feel free to come forward with smaller children.)

HYMN "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782

**1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.
 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain**

Refrain:

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,**

**Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.**

**2 By Your Word You formed creation
 Filled with creatures large and small;
 As we tend that endless treasure
 May our care encircle all. Refrain**

**3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. Refrain**

(Please stand.)

**4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain**

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SERMON "Choose Life" – Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" – Jane Quaintance, Flute

(*) OFFERTORY *(Please stand.)*

(W&P 89)

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

(*) PRAYERS

P: Great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. In his name and for his sake,

C: **look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**

P: Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,

C: **and light to illuminate our darkness.**

P: Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, . . ., that they may be made whole; Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, the awareness of your presence; Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

(special intercessions.)

P: Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross they may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

All: **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.**

+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +

(*) PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

(*) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord . . . in remembrance of me. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) COMMON DISMISSAL – spoken by the pastor

(*) PRAYER

P: Open our eyes, O gracious God, to all the good that you provide us. Let us look back

upon past blessings. . .and then forward to blessings we anticipate. And in between past and future, show each of us how many kindnesses you are providing right now, beginning with your ever-present love in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who shared our pain and shares it still.

C: Amen.

(*) BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

(*) CLOSING HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

POSTLUDE

Redeemer Lutheran Church

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY!

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Live Stream Worship Sundays at 8 am on:

Facebook page: Redeemer Lutheran Church - Rochester, MN

YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Summer Outdoor Worship: Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Summer Indoor Worship: Sundays at 8:00 & 9:30 am

DIGGING DEEPER

✠ Join a Life Group or use materials located on the website under the Life Group heading. Please contact the church office (507-289-5147) if you have any questions or would like to join a Life Group!

Weekly Announcements and Highlights

Special Prayer Opportunities:

Health Concerns:

✠ Marion Mueller, Judy Berschet, Kristie Klatt, Orrin Kuhn, Craig Nelson, Larry Meverden, Mary Frances Burton, Todd Zmina, Darlene Rolf, Luanne Kraus, Gloria Nihart, Joann Karges, Erin Harvey, Marilyn Clemonson

Receiving Hospice Care:

✠ Mary Frances Burton
✠ Irene Knick
✠ Eldora Krueger

Grieving:

✠ Judy Borgschatz and her family upon the recent death of her niece, Brenda Elthon.

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 :

rlcprays4u@gmail.com

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS

Light refreshments will be served between services this Sunday, at 9:00 am. **Thank you** to the Rebecca Circle for organizing and serving this Sunday. Proceeds benefit the Redeemer Lutheran Church Work Scholarship Fund.



JOIN US FOR THE REDEEMER GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 12

Registration forms are available on the Redeemer website, the Welcome Center, and from the church office. Please sign up today! We are looking forward to having you join us!

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

♥ In honor of Willard Nisbit's 79th birthday on August 28.

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

We will begin our Fall Worship Schedule on Sunday, September 8. Worship times will be 8:00 and 10:45 am. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will kick off the education year with a joint opening in the Sanctuary at 9:20 am.

RALLY DAY FREE CARNIVAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 12, from 11:45 to 1:30 pm. Join us for food, games, and fellowship! We need some willing helping hands for this event. If you are able to help, please sign up online through the Redeemer website or on the sheets in the Narthex, or by calling the church office. Let's work together to make this a fun day for all ages! More information can be found in the Redeemer newsletter.

This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

WORSHIP—Livestream—8am
WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION—Sanctuary—8 am
Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—9 to 9:30 am
WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION—Sanctuary—9:30 am

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

Quilters—NFH—8:00 am

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

Men's Bible Study—9:00 am
Faithfully Fit Exercise—9:30 am
Staff Meeting—10:30 am
VBS Wrap-up meeting—6 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

All Staff Meeting—Rm 102—9 am
Family Ministry Team—Library—1 pm
Sounds of Praise—7 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am
OUTDOOR WORSHIP—6:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WORSHIP—Livestream—8am
WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION—Sanctuary—8 am
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RCLS NEEDS LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Rochester Central Lutheran School is looking for library volunteers. Morning and afternoon shifts are available on a weekly/bi-weekly basis or substitute basis. If you are interested, please contact Lonnie Strohschein at lostrohschein@rcls.net or by contacting the school office at 507-289-3267.

Blessed to Serve

Preaching Pastor Adam Koglin
Organist.....April Beckman, DPM
Children's Message.....Michael Harvey, DFF
Elder:
6:00 pm Jeff Ihrke
8:00 am.....Scott Kleppe
9:30 am.....Mark Kuisle
Greeters:
8:00 am.....Stan and Linda Sohre
9:30 am..... Dan Kluge
Lay Readers:
6:00 pm Beth Hanson
8:00 am..... Kurt Rump
9:30 am..... Mark Bransford
Technology:
6:00 pm Megan Grudem
8:00 am.....
9:30 am.....
Ushers:
6:00 pm Paul Lewis / Dawn Shelstad
8:00 am Ric Thieke / Kathy Voight
9:30 am..... Dan and Terri Zemke

THE ENDOWMENT FUND HAS MONEY AVAILABLE TO BE SPENT!

So far this year we've given \$2,000 to support Bethesda Lutheran Communities' capital campaign. How can the Fund bless a ministry in which you're involved? What extra expenses have been incurred because of the pandemic?

Please talk with any Endowment Committee member: Sue Walch, Jane Quaintance, Mandie Anderson, Arnie Fockler & Molly Gommels.

CHIME PLAYERS NEEDED!

We are short a few chime players! Please consider joining our group. We will be meeting on the Thursday before we play, which is during both services on the fourth Sunday of the month. So, your time commitment would be one Thursday and one Sunday a month. Questions, please contact Herb Mueller 507-282-7952.

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