



REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, September 2, 2021 – 6:00 pm
Sunday, September 5, 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.

THURSDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP: Listen on your radio at 92.1 FM.

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

CONNECT CARDS: We ask that EVERYONE who worships to please fill out the Connect Card and either leave it in the pew rack or drop it into one of the little houses located in the Narthex as you leave.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: Treasured! What happens when Christ holds all people in his heart as precious and beloved? He becomes poor so that we might become rich with all things in Him. What happens when we become rich with all things in Him? We treasure and care for all people regardless of who they are or what they have done.

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

+ We Come Into God's Presence +

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(*) OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *"All In All"*

**You are my strength when I am weak
You are the greatest treasure that I seek
You are my all in all.**

**Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all.**

Chorus:
**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame.
Rising again, I bless your name.
You are my all in all.**

**When I fall down, you pick me up.
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my all in all.**

Chorus

(*) CALL TO WORSHIP *taken from Isaiah 35 (Please stand.)*

P: Strengthen the weak hands,

C: make firm the feeble knees.

P: Say to those with fearful hearts,

C: Be strong, do not fear; your God will come.

P: He will come with vengeance.

C: He will come to save us!

P: Then will the eyes of the blind be opened.

C: And the ears of the deaf unstopped.

P: Then the wilderness and dry land will be glad;

C: and the desert will rejoice and blossom like the crocus.

P: We are here to see and hear the glory of the Lord,

C: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

+ God Speaks to Us +

SCRIPTURE READINGS

L: The Old Testament Reading for the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost is from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

⁴ Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,

and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. *Isaiah 35:4-7a NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Epistle Reading is from the second chapter of James.

¹ My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes,

and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You

stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,”⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?⁷ Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law

as lawbreakers.¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds. “Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. *James 2:1-10,14-18 NIV*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(*) RESPONSE

(*LSB 395, st. 3*)

**Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!
O draw near us! For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.**

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(*) GOSPEL READING

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

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

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which

means "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Mark 7:31-37 NIV

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.** (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. *Refrain*

Refrain: Therefore I'll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. *Refrain*

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. *Refrain*

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. *Refrain*

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. *Refrain*

SERMON "Every Person Treasured" - James 2:1

+ We Respond To God's Word +

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Priceless Treasure" - VBS students

CONNECT CARDS

(Please take a moment to fill out the small Connect Card located in hymn rack of your row. Completed cards can be left in the hymn rack or returned to one of the small houses in the Narthex.)

(* OFFERTORY

Lord, you are more precious than silver.

Lord, you are more costly than gold.

Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds,

And nothing I desire compares with you. *(Repeat)*

(* 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 *(Please stand.)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(* LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(*) CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if I confess my sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.**

P: If we say we are free from pride or contempt, racism or favoritism, thinking the least or thinking the worst of others, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if I confess my pride and contempt, racism and favoritism, thinking the least and thinking the worst of others, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive my sins and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and prideful. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself, especially those who may not look like me, think like me, talk like me, or even serve and give like me. There are others who rightly deserve everything from me, but I give them nothing. I justly deserve nothing from you, yet You give me everything I need in Christ. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and the riches of your grace, and walk in deep love and generosity for others to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in His generous mercy and overflowing, never-ending love for you and for all people, has given His Son Jesus Christ to this world. For your sake and because He treasures all people, Christ became poor, in need of all things, even life itself on the cross, so that He might pour out heaven's riches upon you and forgive you all your sins. In Christ, you are treasured beyond your wildest imagination, and you now get to take this message to everyone whose eyes you gaze into: God treasures everyone.

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

+ God Serves Us His Holy Meal +

(*) THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Following the Words of Institution, we will take communion together as a Family of Believers at the same time when the Pastor speaks "Take and Eat...Take and Drink.")

(*) POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

(Trash bags are available in the pew racks for you to dispose of the Communion packaging. Please discard your trash bag when leaving the Sanctuary after worship).

+ God Sends Us Forth to Serve and Proclaim +

(*) BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon with favor and give you peace.

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

CLOSING HYMN "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" LSB 594, sts. 1,2,5

**1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!**

**2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.**

**Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!**

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YouTube: RLC - Family of Believers

Outdoor Worship : Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Indoor Worship: Sundays at 8:00 & 10:45 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:

✠ Bernie Nesler, Inge Peiker, Doug Jerde, Marion Mueller, Judy Berschet, Kristie Klatt, Orrin Kuhn, Craig Nelson, Todd Zmina, Darlene Rolf, Marilyn Clemonson, Steve Lande, Stephen and Daphne Van Guilder

Receiving Hospice Care:

✠ Mary Frances Burton
✠ Irene Knick
✠ Eldora Krueger

Grieving:

✠ The family and friends of Doug Koepsell who passed away on August 31.
✠ The family and friends of Chuck and Gail, Amy, Shelley with the passing of Rev. Dean Hemplemann.

Rejoice:

✠ With Jerry and Bonnie Stehley who celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on September 8.

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

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

We will begin our Fall Worship Schedule on Sunday, September 12. 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.

REDEEMER GOLF TOURNAMENT, SEPTEMBER 12

Registration forms are available on the Redeemer website, the Welcome Center, and from the church office. Deadline to sign-up is September 4!

RALLY DAY FREE CARNIVAL

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.

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.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

♥ In honor of Elaine Gittus's 87th birthday on September 4.

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS

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

This Week At Redeemer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Men's Bible Study—9:00 am
 Faithfully Fit Exercise—9:30 am
 Staff Meeting—10:30 am
 Stewardship—5:30 pm
 CC Equippers— Upper Room—6:00 pm
 Youth Board— 6:30 pm
 Proverbial Women CC—Choir Rm—7:00 pm
 Elders—NFH—7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Japanese Fellowship-NFH/L-1/Nursery-12:30 pm
 1st/2nd Yr. Confirmation—6:00 pm
 3rd Yr. Confirmation—6:00 pm
 Cherub Choir—Rm 101—6:00 pm
 Rebecca Circle—NFH— 6:15 pm
 Angelic Chimes—Sanctuary—6:30 pm
 Alleluia Singers—Rm 101—6:50 pm
 Sounds of Praise—7:30 pm
 Confirmation Mentor Meeting—SFH—7:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Faithfully Fit Exercise—SFH—9:30 am
OUTDOOR WORSHIP—6:00 pm
 New Member Class—7:00 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

New Beginnings CC—SFH—10:00 am
 SS Teacher Training—10:00 am
 Zayas Baby Shower—1:30 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12—RALLY DAY!

WORSHIP—Livestream—8am
WORSHIP—Sanctuary—8 am
 Blood Pressure Screening—PN Office—9 to 9:30 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Studies—9:20 am
WORSHIP—Sanctuary—10:45 am
Rally Day Carnival—11:45 am
 Golf Tournament—Zumbro Golf Course— 2:00 pm
 Instruments of Praise—4:00 pm
 Parent/Youth Meeting—Sanctuary—6:00 pm
 Agape CC—6:00 pm

Blessed to Serve

Preaching Pastor Ben Loos
Organist..... April Beckman, DPM
Children's Message..... Michael Harvey, DFF
Elder:
 6:00 pm Tom Werle
 8:00 am Aaron Peter
 9:30 am Bryce Beckman & Steve Arnot
Greeters:
 8:00 am Bruce and Cheri Struve
 9:30 am Miriam Jacobson
Lay Readers:
 6:00 pm
 8:00 amJulie Gehrking
 9:30 am June Storma
Technology:
 6:00 pm
 8:00 am Megan Grudem
 9:30 am Dan Kluge
Ushers:
 6:00 pm Mark and Joyce Massaro
 8:00 am Ed Feeder / Sam Gehrking
 9:30 am Mark Fister / Carole Sorenson

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