

4th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday July 6th, 2025 Redemption Lutheran Church 8001 Bustleton Ave. Philadelphia PA 19152 www.redemptionphiladelphia.org

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GATHERING

(The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW – 803

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



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high! O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. A: Let Us Pray. C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

P: A reading from Isaiah

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—
¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.
¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Psalm 66:1-9

P:A reading from Psalm

¹Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands; be joyful, ¹ all the earth.

²Sing the glory ¹ of God's name; sing the glory ¹ of God's praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.

⁴All the earth bows [|] down before you,

sings to you, sings | out your name." R

⁵Come now and see the ¹ works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds I toward all people.

 $^6\,\text{God}$ turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- 1 ter on foot,

and there we re- | joiced in God.

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations; let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.

⁸Bless our [|] God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. **R**

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION The Assembly stands to welcome the gospel. Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word. Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

 $^{16}\,{}^{\rm w}$ Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. SERMON

Rev. Maggie Ainslie

The assembly remains seated

HYMN OF THE DAY – Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW - 659

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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* 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 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

The assisting minister leads the prayers. Each prayer ends with the words, "God of Grace," and the congregation responds, **"Hear our Prayer"**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)

The assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen. DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven an earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

The assembly may be seated. The bread is broken for communion.

COMMUNION

You may come to the rail to receive communion. The bread is gluten free, and you may dip it in the wine or grape juice. If you can't come to the rail communion will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING HYMN – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW - 674 **BLESSING**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the Body of Christ C: Thanks be to God.

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Our Prayer List

Our Community: Bob Conn

Our Friends: Terry Garf, Kathy Kellmer, Lea and Paul Ressler, Ruth Mann, Melissa Kuchler, Linda Moore, Robert Donnelly and Family, Patricia Weiser, Eileen Krygier, Kathy Schultz, Shannon Puitro, Josh, Sue & Dave Goldstein, Jack Horvath, friend of Diane & John Graham, Joe Wolf, Mason Family, Nate Van Sant, Nina Liptak, Barbara Laudenbacker, Jo Valentine.

Announcements

During this time of Pastoral transition, we want to share weekly updates on our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for offering income this month, versus where we stand each week with actual offering income. Our monthly budgeted offering income is \$4,200. To date we have received \$300.

Feast of Justice Collection – Personal Care items are needed. Full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant and especially feminine products would be greatly appreciated. You can place them in the box in the Narthex.

Audio Training – We are looking for volunteers to manage the Streaming of worship. If you are interested, please reach out to Cheryl Lafferty at: <u>cae184@yahoo.com</u> or 215-990-2111.

Church Directory – We are in the process of updating the Church Directory. Please fill out a 3x5 card with your name, address, e-mail address & preferred phone number. You can place it in the offering plate.

SEPA Transitions - Informational Session July 14 or 15, 2025

At assembly, the Transitional Ministry Development Team (TMDT) presented our new process for pastoral leadership transitions. We will work with congregations to craft an individualized transition plan. What from the congregation's mission and history and expectations needs to be viewed through a framework of respect, release, or reimagine? What reflections and actions might best prepare the congregation to call their next pastor to help the church continue to live out God's call? As part of that work, each congregation in transition will pick one of three paths to guide this leadership transition: choose transformation, choose partnership, or choose resurrection. To learn more about these paths or the Ponder Anew transition process, join us for an informational session.

July 14th Registration

Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nnm6pcJRSquJDkkbcKjPtA#/registrati</u> on

July 15th Registration

Link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yXo5gPXwSXKYXc0wZBiyNg#/registration</u>

Save the Date – On Sunday, July 20th we will be having a "Christmas in July" themed worship service. We will be collecting new (unwrapped) children's books during the month of July. You can place the books in the box in the Narthex. The books will be donated to BookSmiles.

Bingo – On Sunday, July 27th at 2:00 p.m., we will be holding a Bingo Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$25. Pay at the Door. There will be 9 rounds with basket prizes and 1 round with a cash prize. Gift baskets are needed. Please let Cindy Buhalo or Christy Arocho know what type of basket you are donating.

Special Music – On Sunday, August 10th, singer Audra Casebier will be joining us for worship. Audra recently released her album "Here in Eden" with our own Reese Revak on piano. The album explores how our faith ebbs and flows through the lens of musical theatre repertoire. Available on all major streaming platforms.