



4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 21st, 2026
Redemption Lutheran Church
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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – *Let the Whole Creation Cry* – ELW 876

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



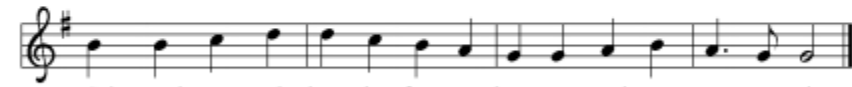
1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

P: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

R: A reading from Jeremiah

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

The Psalm is read responsively.

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.
⁸ **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**
⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
¹⁰ **I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**
[¹¹ I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.
¹² **Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep**

waters. R

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;

do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

] ¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

R: A reading from the Romans

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

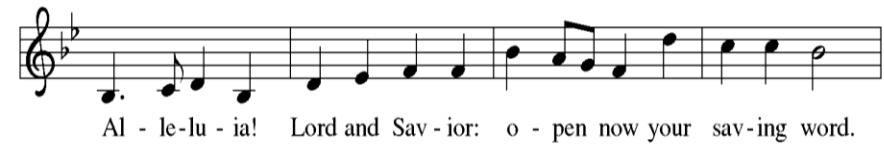
⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life

he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Sandra Ellis-Killian

The assembly remains seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *All Creatures of our God and King - Verses 1,4,5,7*
on insert

The assembly stands.

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

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

P: Let us pray.

P: Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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.

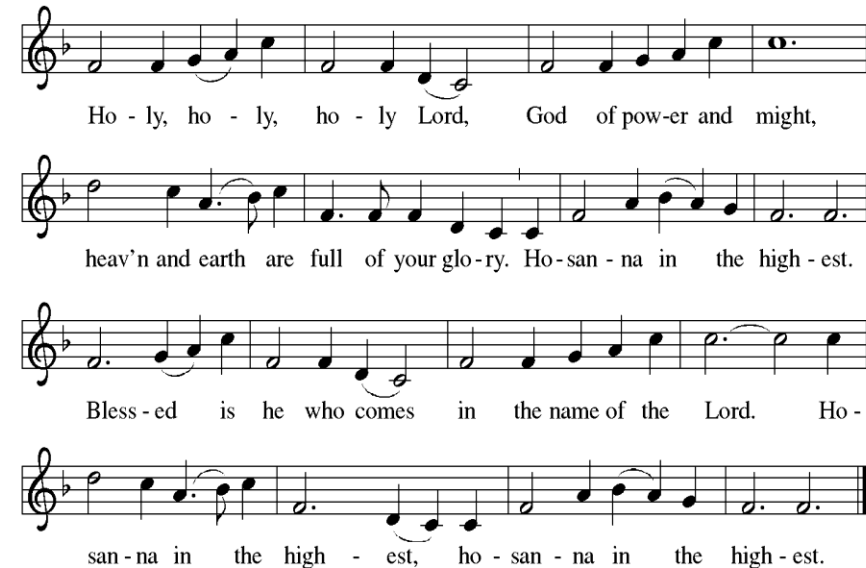
PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should be 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN – *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* – ELW 769

DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Our Prayer List

Our Members: Bob Conn, Mabel Turner, Ethel Metz, Doris LaMar, Joan Nagel

Our Community: Joe Wolf (uncle of Lynn), Kathy Schultz (cousin of Karen), Dave Speece (friend of John & Diane), Paul & Lea Ressler (friends of Arlene), Claire Reichel (friend of Arlene), Lori Lafferty (friend of Arlene), Karen Corson (friend of Steve & Rita) Gail Rose (friend of Steve & Rita)

Please complete a prayer request form.

Announcements

During this time of pastoral transition, we want to share our financial status with the congregation by reporting the amount budgeted for monthly offering income, versus actual monthly offering income. Budgeted monthly offering income for June is \$5,800, and to date we have received \$2,270.

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 the items in the box in the Narthex.

Do you have travel size toiletries? Please give them to Merry Kelly, as she is collecting them for The Welcome Church.

It's Spring and the Redemption Walkers have started to meet. If you are interested in joining us, please see Karen.

Save the Date

Sunday, July 5th – Join us as we celebrate the Semiquincentennial (250th Birthday of the USA) with a patriotic themed sermon, music and pie!

Sunday, July 12th – Join us as we discuss the book “My Dear Hamilton” by Stephanie Dray. We will meet at the King George II Inn (Bristol, PA) at 12:00p.m. See the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.

Sunday July 26th – Join us as we celebrate “Christmas in July”.

Saturday, August 1st – Our incomparable Music Director, Reese Revak, will be hosting and performing a concert in the Sanctuary at 7:00p.m. Free will offering. Join us for a musical night out!

Sunday, September 13th and 20th – Pastor Wesemann will be leading a Bible Study on the Book of Joshua at 11:30a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, September 26th – The Faithful Travelers will take their 2nd Bus Trip to the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. We will see the 11:00a.m. performance of Joshua and have a family – style luncheon at the Plain and Fancy Restaurant. The cost is \$250 for adults and \$190 for children (under 12). See the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary.