



8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19th, 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 – *Praise and Thanksgiving* – ELW 689

GREETING

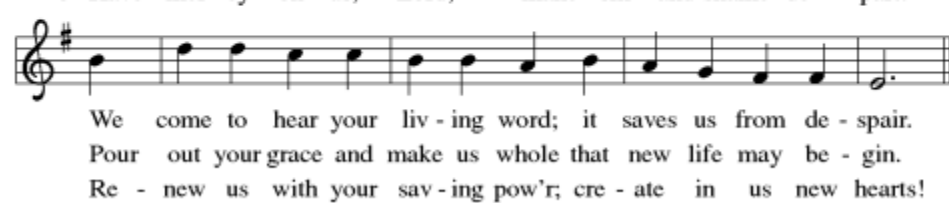
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

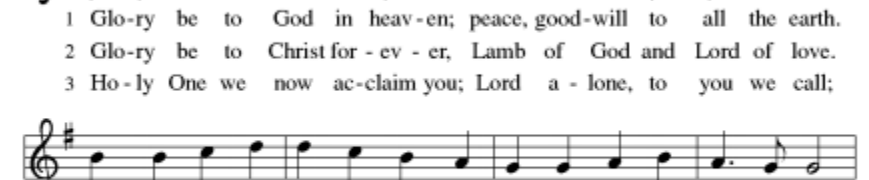


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

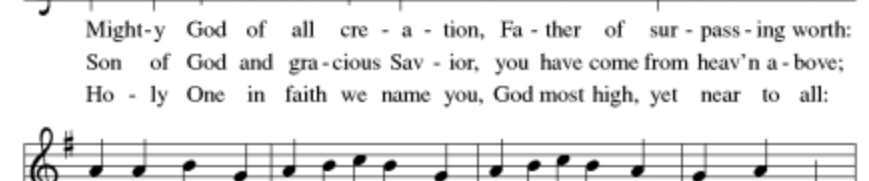
HYMN OF PRAISE



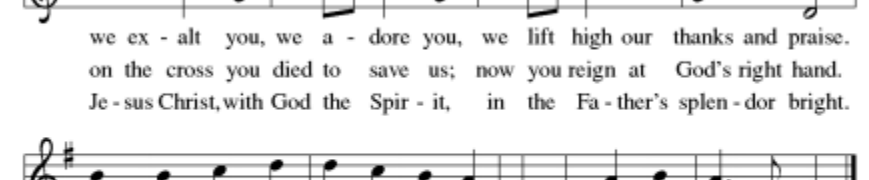
1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, 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: Isaiah 44: 6-8

R: A reading from Isaiah

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86: 11-17

The Psalm is read responsively.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk ¹ in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- ¹ vere your name.
¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with ¹ all my heart,
and glorify your name for- ¹ evermore. R**
¹³ For great is your ¹ love toward me;

you have delivered me from the ¹ pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people ¹ seeks my life;
they have not set you be- ¹ fore their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full ¹ of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- ¹ ness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mer- ¹ cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child ¹ of your
handmaid.**

¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be ¹ put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- ¹ forted me. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

R: A reading from the Romans

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but
if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all
who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive
a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and
joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be
glorified with him.

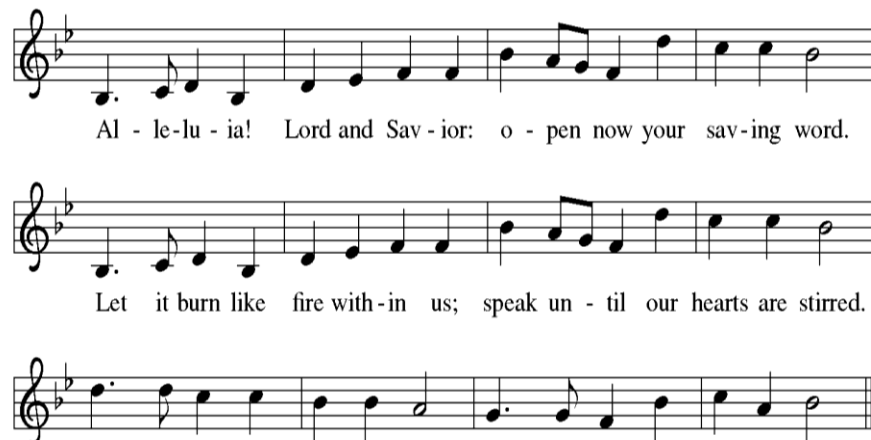
¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing
with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager
longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was
subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected
it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay

and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

R: 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.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir

The assembly remains seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* - ELW 693

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.

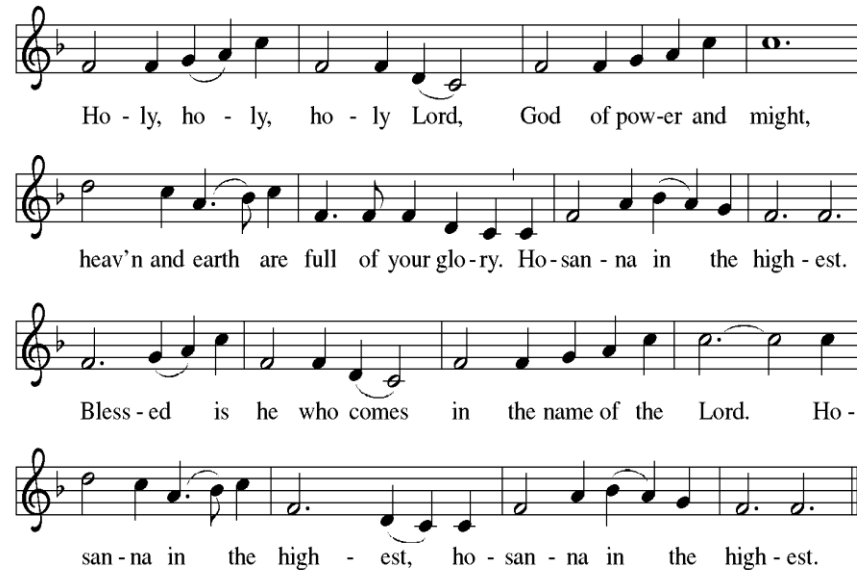
PREFACE

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and 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



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;



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.

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 – *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* – ELW 694

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 July is \$6,300, and to date we have received \$1,704

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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.

Redemption will be celebrating it's 100th Anniversary in January 2029. If you are interested in serving on the Anniversary Committee, please see Diane or Karen.

Save the Date

Sunday July 26th – Join us as we celebrate “Christmas in July”. A Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service in the Upper Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, August 1st – Our incomparable Music Director, Reese Revak and Friends will be performing a concert in the Sanctuary at 7:00p.m. Freewill offering at the door. 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. **Balance of \$125 is due by August 1.**