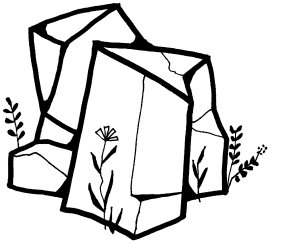
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Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

GATHERING

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

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.



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. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ***"Shout to the Lord"*** ***ELW #821***



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965
Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech
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Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray. O God,
with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading **Exodus 1:8—2:10**

The brave Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses' sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. 9He said to his people, "Look, the
Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10Come, let us deal shrewdly
with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and
escape from the land." 11Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced
labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12But the more they were
oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the
Israelites. 13The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude 14and made their lives bitter
with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. The Egyptians were
ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

15The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was med Shiphrah and the other
Puah, 16"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is
a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." 17But the midwives feared God; they did not
do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18So the king of Egypt
summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?"
19The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,
for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20So God dealt well with
the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21And because the midwives
feared God, God gave them families. 22Then Pharaoh commanded all his people,

"Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every
daughter live."

2:1Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2The woman conceived
and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3When she
could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch;
she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4His sister stood at a

distance, to see what would happen to him. 5The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

"Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler. (Ps. 124:7)

1 If the LORD had not been | on our side, let Isra- | el now say;
2 **if the LORD had not been | on our side, when enemies rose | up against us,**
3 then would they have swallowed us | up alive in their fierce | anger toward us;
4 **then would the waters have | overwhelmed us and the torrent gone | over us;**
5 then would the | raging waters have gone right | over us.
6 **Blessed | be the LORD who has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.**
7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
8 **Our help is in the name | of the LORD, the maker of heav- | en and earth.**

Second Reading — Romans 12:1-8

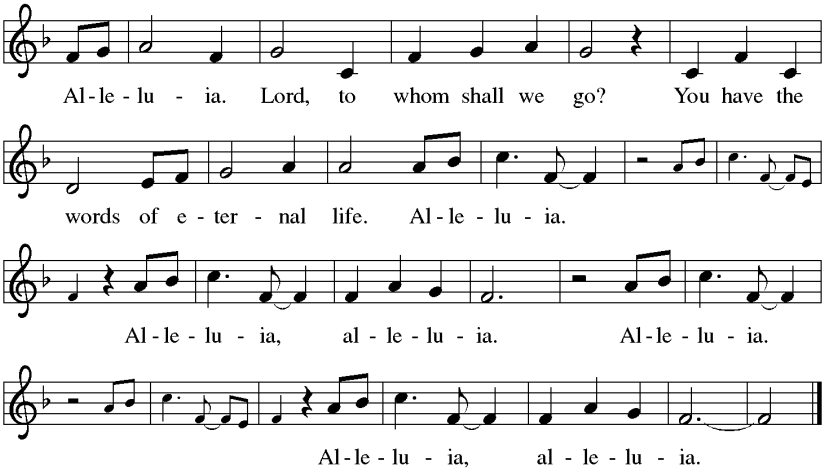
In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

I appeal to you therefore, my dear family, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. 2Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many parts and not all the parts have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

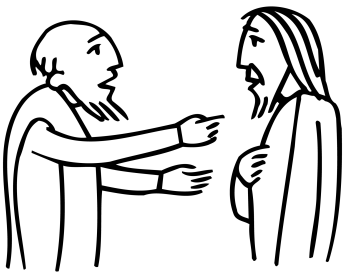
Gospel **Matthew 16:13-20**

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people
say that the Son-of-Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
16Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered
him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my
Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the
gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven." 20Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the
Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***"Built on a Rock"*** ***ELW #652***



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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Apostles Creed

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.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need. Each petition ends with:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig, Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Ryan Kickland, Nancy Nelson, William Schultz Jr., John Falk, Carmen Falk, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Aimee and Mark Hooper, Mary Scruggs, Linda Losito, Anne Maley, Judi and Larry Krebs, and Eloise and Larry Laugen, and the families of Mark Zerr and Nancy Vandewinckel

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

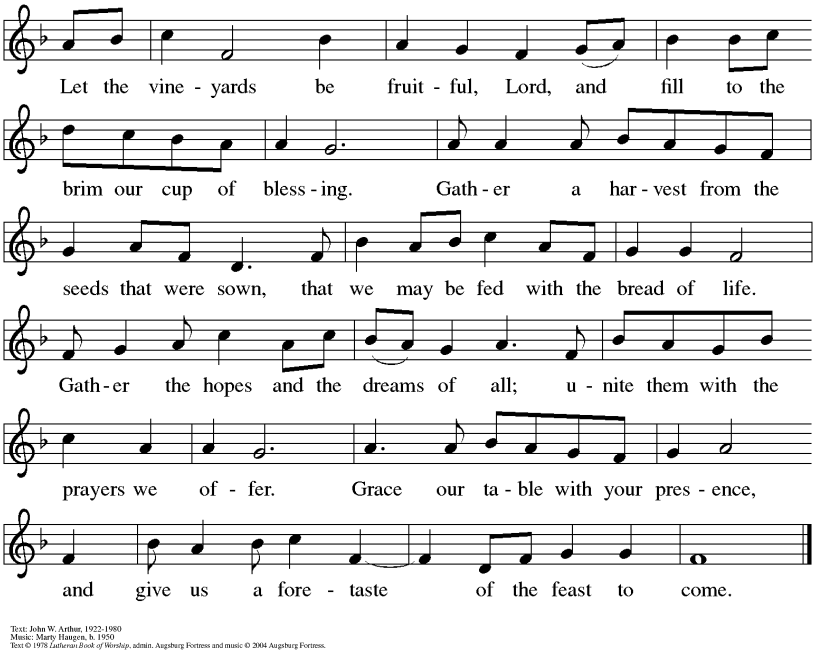
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Your offering helps us carry on God's mission in our community! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the right with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). You can also sign up for automatic giving on our website as well! ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

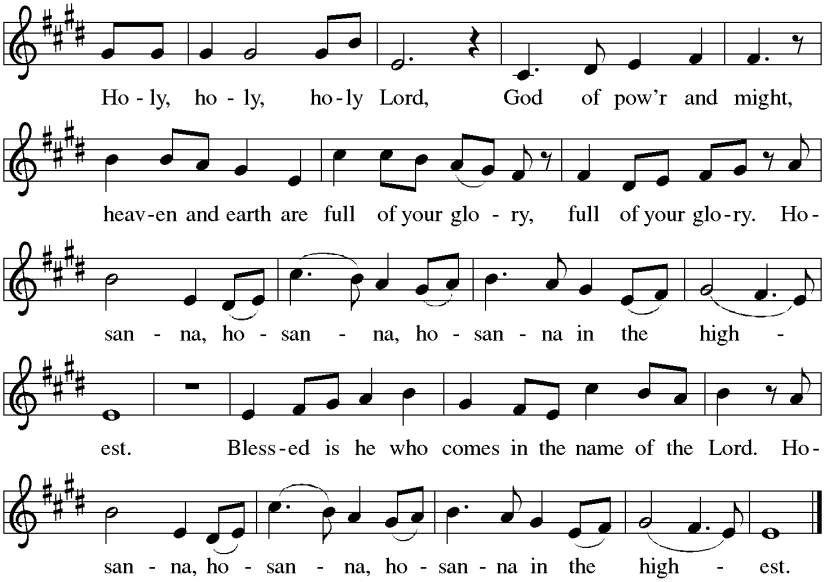
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed, right our duty and our joy….

…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.



The Presiding Minister continues giving thanks for God's salvation and blessing.
The prayer concludes: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

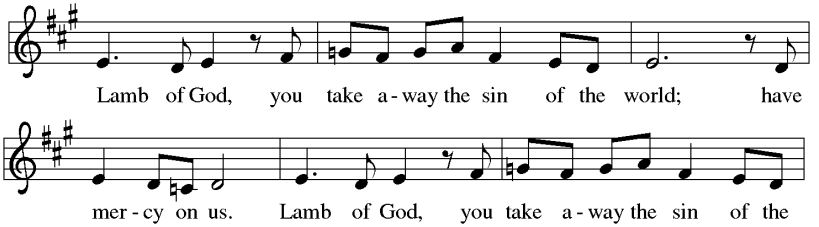
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

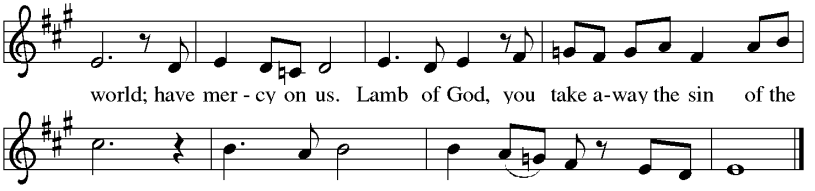
Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution of Communion

If you are worshipping with us at home, you are invited to partake in Communion as well! All you need is bread of any kind and wine or juice of any kind. As you receive the bread: 'This is the Body of Christ given for you.' As you receive the wine or juice: 'This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.' If you are worshipping with more than one person, please serve one another as you able using the above words





Communion Song ***"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*** ***ELW #623***



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. 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. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *"Faith of Our Fathers"* *ELW* #813



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2–4
Music: St. Catherine, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain
Text sts. 2–4 © Joseph R. Alfred, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Announcements

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go in peace, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Altar Flowers:	Jane Wilson
	In Memory of Mike
Assisting Minister:	Emma Naegeli
Reader:	Marion Julius
Usher:	John Wosyk
Altar Guild:	Jeanne Schierstedt & Jane Wilson
Musician:	Paul Berge
Pastor:	The Rev. Matt James

We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówi, Kickapoo, and Peoria peoples. We honor and acknowledge the traditional stewards of this land, recognizing their enduring connection to this region. As we come together in worship, let us commit ourselves to respecting their history and culture, and work toward healing and justice for Indigenous communities. May we be mindful of our role in creating a more equitable future for all.

This Week @ Redeemer

Sunday: Worship – 9:30am

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays: Sarah Skenandore (8/25), JoAnn Nelson, Michael Marik, & Bill Schultz III (8/26); Kevin Rattle (8/30)

Wedding Anniversary: Taryn & Tyler Vance (8/28)

Texts for Next Sunday, August 30th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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