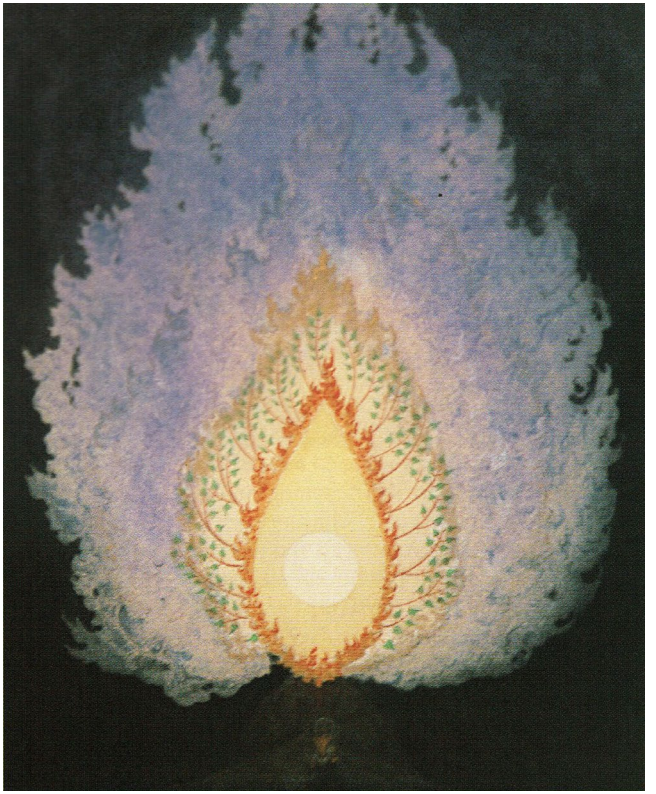
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 + 9:30am



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are so glad you are here!

Hymns marked as ELW may be found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and hymns marked as WOV may be found in the blue With One Voice hymnal. Assembly responses are in ***bold typeface.***

When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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 ***"Oh, Sing to the Lord"*** *ELW #822*

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,

we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading **Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led
his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God.
2There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he
looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3Then Moses said, "I must
turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." 4When
the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses,
Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the
sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6God
said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and
the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I
have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,
8and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out
of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the
country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and
the Jebusites. 9The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the
Egyptians oppress them. 10Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people,
the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to
Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12God said, "I will be with you, and this
shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people
out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

13But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your
ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is God's name?' what shall I say

to them?" 14God said to Moses, "I am who I am." God said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.' " 15God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples. Hallelujah! (Ps. 105:1, 45)

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the peoples.
2 **Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,**
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.
3 Glory in God's | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.
4 **Search for the strength | of the LORD;**
continually | seek God's face.
5 Remember the marvels | God has done,
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,
6 **O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,**
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.
23 Israel came | into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land of Ham.
24 **The LORD made the people of Israel | very fruitful,**
more numerous | than their enemies,
25 whose hearts God turned, so that they hat- | ed God's people,
and dealt unjustly with the ser- | vants of God.
26 **O LORD, you sent Mo- | ses your servant,**
and Aaron, your chosen one. 45b | Hallelujah!

Second Reading — Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

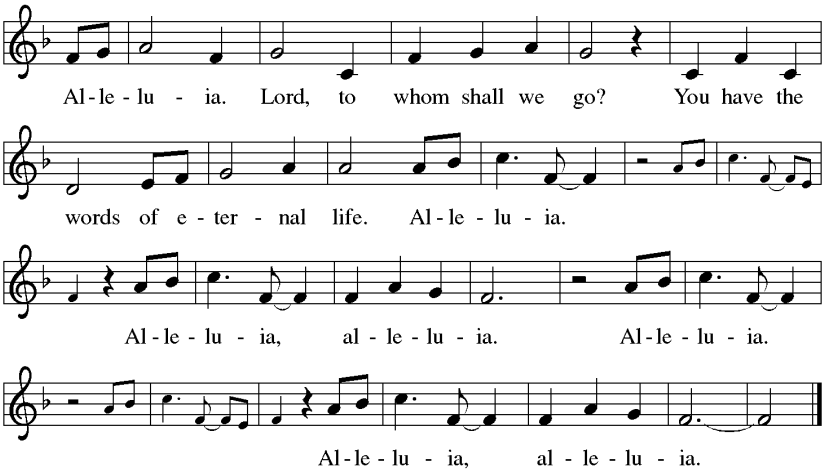
14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17Do

not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." 20Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The Assembly may rise in body or spirit as the Gospel is proclaimed.



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

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.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." 23But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 24Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

25For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit

their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27"For the Son-of-Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son-of-Man coming in his dominion."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Assembly may be seated for the Sermon.

Hymn of the Day ***"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"*** *ELW #667*

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, 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

The Assembly may rise in body or spirit as the offering is brought forward.



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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.

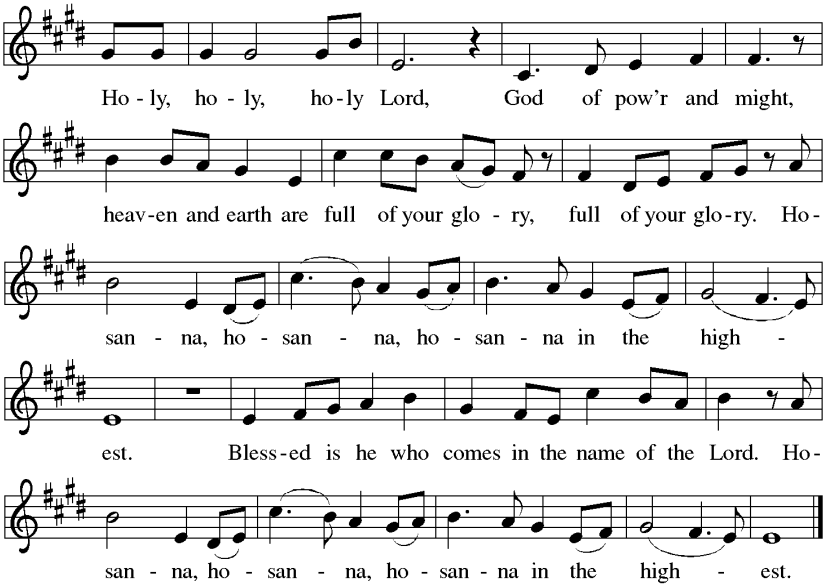
We lift them to the Lord.

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

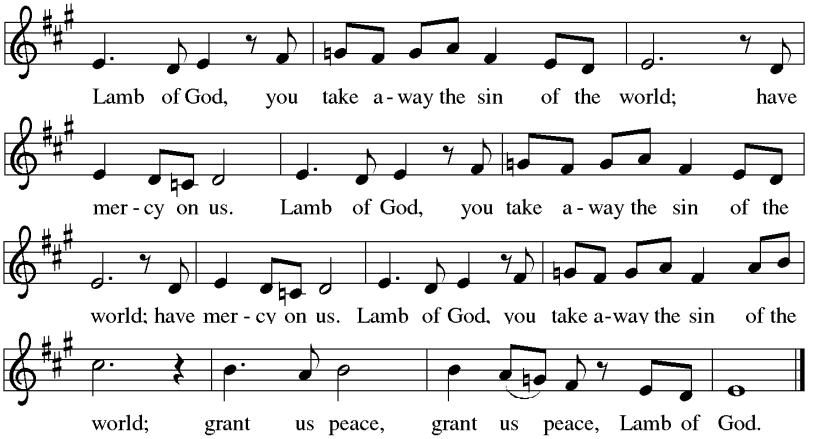
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

We offer gluten-free bread and (red) wine or (white) grape juice. We also have pre-packaged cups if you wish to receive in that manner or to bring home to a loved one. If you wish to remain in your seat, please indicate to an usher & the worship leaders will come to you.



Communion Song ***"Spirit, Open My Heart"*** *ACS #1043*

Words and music on page 10.



Table Blessing

The Assembly may rise in body or spirit

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 ***"Lift High the Cross"*** *ELW #660*

Announcements

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

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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.

Serving Today

Altar Flowers:	Jan Brandies
	In Honor of Our Anniversary
Assisting Minister:	Sean Fair
Reader:	Kevin Rattle
Usher:	Linda & Kevin Rattle
Altar Guild:	Marion Julius & Jane Wilson
Musician:	Paul Berge
Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Matt James
Preaching Minister:	The Rev. Jay McDivitt

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Communion Song ***"Spirit, Open My Heart"*** *ACS #1043*



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This Week @ Redeemer

Sunday: Worship – 9:30am

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays: Kevin Rattle (8/30); Jennifer Dustman (9/2); Grace Carlson (9/4); John Wosyk (9/5)

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

Upcoming Commemorations

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

Texts for Next Sunday, September 6th, Creation in Christ Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 148; Acts 17:22a, 24-28; John 1:1-5

