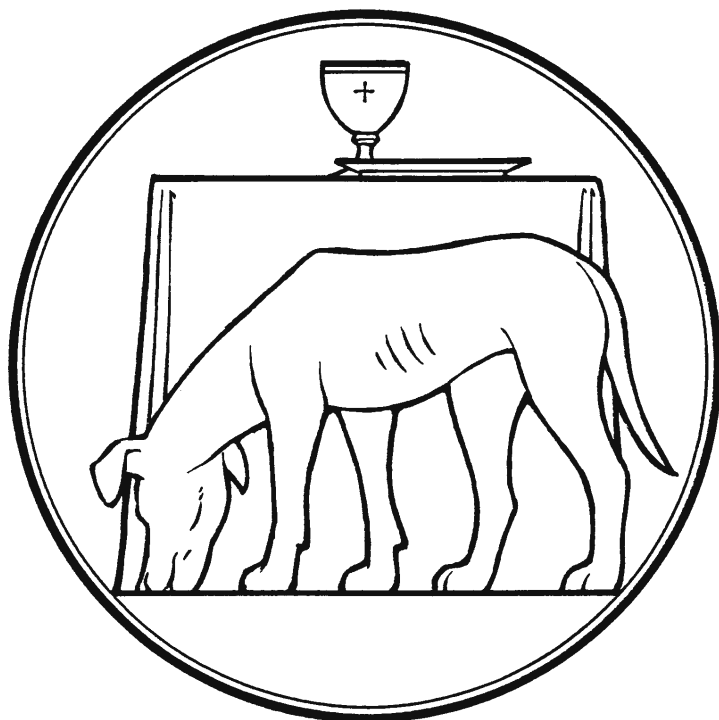




OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, established in 1924



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 20 August A+D 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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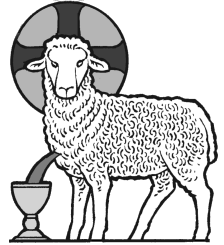
ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Order of Service:	<i>LSB</i> , Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184
Hymns:	779, 615, 571, 770, 936, 632, 922
Sermon Title:	"Seek Mercy from the Son of David"
Sermon Text:	Matthew 15:21-28

WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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To learn more about The LCMS, visit www.lcms.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB POSTING: Our Redeemer is hiring a part-time secretary to replace Renee Wilson who is retiring in October. The position is 12-15 hours per week and the days those hours are worked are flexible. Competency with Word & Excel is a must and candidates will need to be capable of learning new software. Knowledge of QuickBooks and ability to assist our treasurer with cutting checks and bookkeeping is preferred. The position will pay \$15/hour to a candidate who can assist the treasurer as described above and \$12/hour to a candidate who doesn't handle those duties. If you are interested in this position, please inform Pastor Ruesch or Board of Elders Chair Jim Reed so an interview can be set up.

A MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED in either First Communion or Confirmation instruction in the upcoming school year will be held on Wednesday, August 30th, at 5:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES will resume on September 6th at 7:00 P.M. Please note that these services will typically repeat the sermon, readings, and hymns from the PREVIOUS Sunday. Also on September 6th, we will begin offering a **CATECHISM VESPERS** service every Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. These services will be for the purpose of learning Luther's Small Catechism. All are welcome to attend.

YOUTH BOTTLE/CAN COLLECTION: We want your bottles and cans! Our Redeemer Youth is collecting recyclable bottles and cans. You can drop them off in the front entrance bin. Thank you for your support!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Pentecost XII: He who made and still sustains nature and all creatures has no anxieties about overpopulation. The Lord our God delights in adding another human life (Isaiah 56:8) and wrapping the next neighbor in magnificent mercy (Romans 15:32). Let the peoples praise You, O God, in ever increasing number (Psalm 67:5-6) – the unborn one, the impaired one, and even our Gospel-motivated voices For Life!

“LIVE AS A SON OR DAUGHTER OF GOD, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, ‘These are not Our kind of people.’ Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you.” *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

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ALTAR GUILD

Week of 8/20

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Marian Volek	Dana Bey	Sue Rochon Debbie Sleik
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Week of 8/27

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music	Jeremy Pickering	Sue Rochon Debbie Sleik
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THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (20)	8:30 A.M.	Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	1 Corinthians Bible Study
Monday (21)		
Tuesday (22)		
Wednesday (23)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
Thursday (24)	10:00 A.M.	Proverbs Bible Study
Friday (25)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (26)	7:00 A.M.	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sunday (27)	8:30 A.M.	Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
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GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week Offering:	\$2,907.00
Other Income and Gifts:	\$919.00
Total Income This Week:	\$3,826.00
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24
Difference:	+\$479.76

YEAR-TO-DATE

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$90,122.67
Other Income and Gifts:	\$15,492.26
Total Income This Year:	\$105,614.93
Needed for Budget:	\$110,424.92
Difference:	-\$4,809.99

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 8/13, 9:00 A.M.	91	75