



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 3 September A+D 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 6 September A+D 2023 • 7:00 P.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:	869, 531, 696, 566, 718, 637, 525
Sermon Title:	"The Life of a Christian Is a Life of Love"
Sermon Text:	Romans 12:9-21

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES resume this week 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY will resume during our 10:30 A.M. Education Hour next Sunday, September 10th. Sunday School is open to all children in preschool through 4th grade. Youth Bible Study is open to all students in grades 5-12.

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!

LUTHERAN BATTLE FOR THE BIBLE SERIES: How did the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod defend itself 50 years ago from a liberal approach to the Bible? "Issues, Etc.," a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently interviewed several guests about the Lutheran battle for the Bible. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org/battleforthebible.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Pentecost XIV: Our bodies and lives are on loan from Almighty God. He creates us in His image, redeems us with His Son, and calls us by His name (Jeremiah 15:16) from fertilization to forever. So He does not abandon us in our frailties and mistakes. Shall we not extend this Gospel also to neighbors facing surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis?

"WE ARE MADE HOLY BY THE PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God's holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers." *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<u>Week of 9/3</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music	Dana Bey	Maridol Bey Dana Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Dana Bey	Maridol Bey Dana Bey

<u>Week of 9/10</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music & Choir	Jeremy Pickering	Maridol Bey Dana Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Gary Peterson	Maridol Bey Dana Bey

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (3)	8:30 A.M.	Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	1 Corinthians Bible Study
Monday (4)		Church Office Closed (Labor Day)
Tuesday (5)	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Wednesday (6)	9:00 A.M.	Service at Optalis
	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (7)	10:00 A.M.	Proverbs Bible Study
Friday (8)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (9)	10:00 A.M.	First Communion Class
Sunday (10)	8:30 A.M.	Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday School, Youth Group, & Bible Study

GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

<u>WEEKLY OFFERINGS</u>		<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	
Last Week Offering:	\$2,290.00	Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$94,280.67
Other Income and Gifts:	\$285.80	Other Income and Gifts:	\$15,889.26
Total Income This Week:	\$2,575.80	Total Income This Year:	\$110,169.93
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24	Needed for Budget:	\$117,117.40
Difference:	-\$770.44	Difference:	-\$6,947.47

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 8/27, 9:00 A.M.	86	79