



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 10 September A+D 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 13 September A+D 2023 • 7:00 P.M.

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## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Order of Service:	<i>LSB</i> , Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203
Hymns:	802, 820, 547, 864, 636, 698, 923
Sermon Title:	"The Word of the Lord Makes Watchmen for the House of Israel"
Sermon Text:	Ezekiel 33:7-9

### 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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH BIBLE STUDY** resume this morning during our 10:30 A.M. Education Hour! Sunday School is open to all children in preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth Bible Study is open to all students in grades 5-12.

**HELP NEEDED!** We are seeking interested individuals to assist with teaching Sunday school. If you have a love for children and sharing Jesus with them, please contact Pastor Ruesch.

**A CATECHISM VESPERS** service is offered 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.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES** continue this week at 7:00 P.M. Please note that these services will typically repeat the sermon, readings, and hymns from the PREVIOUS Sunday.

**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!

**KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS SERIES:** Have your children or grandchildren ever asked you questions about Science & Faith, The Problem of Evil & Suffering, Sexuality & Identity, Heaven, Death & Dying, Relationships, Life Issues and Mental Health? "Issues, Etc.," a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has a series that can help you answer those questions. You can listen to the entire series on-demand at [issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions](http://issuesetc.org/kidshavequestions).

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Pentecost XV:** Abortion doesn't just end unborn lives. It also breaks hearts with grief and guilt. So the Lord doesn't exempt it from condemnation. He commands us to warn our brothers and sisters about its sinfulness (Ezekiel 33:7-8). Nor does He exclude abortion from His forgiveness. He would have us apply His absolution as explicitly to this iniquity as to our own (Psalm 32:5).

**"GOD HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SINS. HE HAS CHANGED YOUR HEART.** He gives you the ability to put yourself last so that you can humbly serve others. That's greatness and a great life in God's eyes. That humble serving attitude values and serves every life whether that life is a few cells old or a gene short of worldly greatness." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<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

<u>Week of 9/17</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Marian Volek	Jim Reed	Maridol Bey Dana Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Maridol Bey Dana Bey

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>		<u>EVENT</u>
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	
Monday (11)	1:00 P.M.		Ladies' Guild
Tuesday (12)	8:00 A.M.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting @ Our Redeemer	
Wednesday (13)	5:30 P.M.		Gsus Singers
	5:30 P.M.		Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.		Divine Service
Thursday (14)	10:00 A.M.		Proverbs Bible Study
Friday (15)			Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (16)	10:00 A.M.		First Communion Class
Sunday (17)	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:	\$1,820.00	Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$96,100.67
Other Income and Gifts:	\$80.00	Other Income and Gifts:	\$15,969.26
Total Income This Week:	\$1,900.00	Total Income This Year:	\$112,069.93
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24	Needed for Budget:	\$120,463.64
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$1,446.24</b>	<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$8,393.71</b>

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 9/3, 9:00 A.M.	69	56
Wednesday, 9/6, 7:00 P.M.	12	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>67</b>