



OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 24 September A+D 2023 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 27 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, Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203</i>
Hymns:	738, 555 (sts. 1-4), 618, 851, 731, 596, 555 (sts. 6-10)
Sermon Title:	"Standing Firm...Striving...and Not Frightened"
Sermon Text:	Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

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

MOVIE NIGHT! Saturday 10/7, 6:30PM Youth Group will be hosting a free showing of "Hotel Transylvania", rated PG, at Our Redeemer Church. Free will offering suggested, bring the family for popcorn and laughs!

WE ARE ONCE AGAIN SEEKING GROCERY DONATIONS to fill the white shelf in the fellowship hall. Items do not need to be bagged but should be non-perishable.

LWML ZONE 2 FALL RALLY "Fall for Jesus, He never leaves" Sat. Oct 7, 2023 @ Good Shepherd Lutheran, Munising, MI. Leave at 6 am—starts 9:00 am EST with coffee & refreshments. \$7.00 registration, lunch provided. Bible Study, "Steadfast in Christ". Ingathering for Medi-Lodge in Munising—items collected include: personal care (lotions, shampoos, deodorant, etc.) Birdseed for residents to feed the birds. RSVP to Caren @ 774-0182 by Oct. 1st.

LWML MISSION SUNDAY Oct. 1st. 2023. "THE KING IS COMING" Psalm 24:7-10. LWML to provide refreshments!

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 4th 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.

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!

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Pentecost XVII: Abortion and euthanasia begrudge God's generosity (Matthew 20:15) by regarding one life as less than another. Thank the Lord that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8), for none of us deserves to survive! Yet He preserves and protects us still, just as much as our every neighbor. O Lord, make us bold to speak Your Word of Life without fear (Philippians 1:14)!

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<i><u>Week of 9/24</u></i>			
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

<i><u>Week of 10/1</u></i>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Carol Thornton Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Carol Thornton Cindy Koller

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (24)	8:30 A.M.	Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship
	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Sunday School, Youth Group, & Bible Study
Monday (25)		
Tuesday (26)		
Wednesday (27)	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (28)	10:00 A.M.	Proverbs Bible Study
Friday (29)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (30)	10:00 A.M.	First Communion Class
Sunday (1)	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:	\$3,567.00	Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$102,407.67
Other Income and Gifts:	\$541.95	Other Income and Gifts:	\$16,785.21
Total Income This Week:	\$4,108.95	Total Income This Year:	\$119,192.88
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24	Needed for Budget:	\$127,156.12
Difference:	+\$762.71	Difference:	-\$7,963.24

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 9/17, 9:00 A.M.	99	77
Wednesday, 9/20, 7:00 P.M.	11	10
TOTAL	110	87