



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 15 October A+D 2023 · 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 18 October A+D 2023 · 7:00 P.M.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

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## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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|-------------------|---|
| Order of Service: | <i>LSB, Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203</i> |
| Hymns:            | 803, 510, 636, 694, 830, 775, 818                 |
| Sermon Title:     | "Clothed for the Feast"                           |
| Sermon Text:      | Matthew 22:1-14                                   |

### 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

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!** During our Midweek Divine Service on October 11<sup>th</sup>, we were blessed to welcome Jamie & Stephanie Cruz and Dustin, Stephanie, Quinn, & Wilson Sotka in our membership. Thanks be to God for graciously growing His family of faith here at Our Redeemer!

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>,** as we welcome Pastor James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf back to Our Redeemer! The Neuendorfs serve as LCMS missionaries in Puerto Rico. Pastor Neuendorf will be our guest preacher and they will present on their work during our education hour.

**OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING** will be held on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. Please note that this meeting will include the passing of our 2024 budget and the election of 2024 Officers and Board Members. Voting Members of Our Redeemer are those communicant members who are at least 16 years of age.

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** will be on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Please see the coffee kiosk for volunteer sign-up. We also welcome your candy donations!

**WOULD YOU HELP US FEED A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING?** Every year, Our Redeemer provides a gift to families in need just before Thanksgiving to provide them with the means to have a Thanksgiving meal. This year, we are asking our families to sponsor the gift of a \$50 Tadych's Marketplace Foods gift card for those who could use help. If you are willing to assist with one or more \$50 gift cards, checks can be made out to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" with "Thanksgiving Help" on the memo line and put in the offering plate or turned in to the Church Office. Thank you!

**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.

**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 XX:** Abortion and physician-assisted suicide represent a surrender to death brought about by fear. We need not be afraid of enduring terminal illness, because our Heavenly Father protects us even in the darkest places (Psalm 23:4). And we need not be afraid of carrying surprise pregnancy, because our dear Savior Jesus provides all we need even in the most difficult times (Philippians 4:12-13).

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MUSIC

### ELDERS

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Week of 10/15

|                      |               |               |                                |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Marian Volek  | Gary Peterson | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music | Rob Kuehl     | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |

#### Week of 10/22

|                      |                          |               |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Digital Music &<br>Choir | Gary Peterson | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music            | Dana Bey      | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

| <u>DATE</u>    | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u>                                |
|----------------|-------------|---|
| Sunday (15)    | 8:30 A.M.   | Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship          |
|                | 9:00 A.M.   | Divine Service                              |
|                | 10:30 A.M.  | Sunday School, Youth Group, & Bible Study   |
| Monday (16)    | 6:30 P.M.   | Church Council                              |
| Tuesday (17)   | 5:30 P.M.   | Gsus Singers                                |
| Wednesday (18) | 5:30 P.M.   | Catechism Vespers                           |
|                | 7:00 P.M.   | Divine Service                              |
| Thursday (19)  | 10:00 A.M.  | Proverbs Bible Study                        |
|                | 5:00 P.M.   | Men's Gathering at Dave & Sue Patton's Home |
| Friday (20)    |             | Pastor's Day Off                            |
| Saturday (21)  |             |   |
| Sunday (22)    | 8:30 A.M.   | Coffee, Refreshments, & Fellowship          |
|                | 9:00 A.M.   | Divine Service                              |
|                | 10:30 A.M.  | Neuendorf Missionary Presentation           |

## GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Last Week Offering:     | \$2,670          |
| Other Income and Gifts: | \$411            |
| Total Income This Week: | \$3,081          |
| Needed for Budget:      | \$3,346.24       |
| <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$744.58</b> |

### YEAR-TO-DATE

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Year-to-Date Offerings: | \$109,382.12        |
| Other Income and Gifts: | \$17,753.12         |
| Total Income This Year: | \$127,135.24        |
| Needed for Budget:      | \$137,194.84        |
| <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$10,059.60</b> |

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

| <u>SERVICE</u>              | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, 10/8, 9:00 A.M.     | 111               | 76               |
| Wednesday, 10/11, 7:00 P.M. | 22                | 19               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>133</b>        | <b>95</b>        |