

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Order of Service: | <i>LSB, Divine Service, Setting Four, pg. 203</i>          |
| Hymns:            | 913, 655, 622, 549, 543, 637, 704                          |
| Sermon Title:     | "Shining As Lights Among a Crooked and Twisted Generation" |
| Sermon Text:      | Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18                                   |

## 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?")

**Our Redeemer is a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.  
To learn more about The LCMS, visit [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LWML MISSION SUNDAY** is today! This year's theme is "THE KING IS COMING" (Psalm 24:7-10). Thanks to our Ladies' Guild for providing refreshments!

**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!

**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!

**JOIN US ON 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.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

**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 XVIII:** Remaining silent about the sanctity of life enslaves us to selfishness just like abortion does. But God's grace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus free us from looking out only for ourselves. We get to speak His truth and show His love to every one of our neighbors—not out of "selfish ambition or conceit," but in service to "the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MUSIC

### ELDERS

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Week of 10/1

|                      |                 |          |                                |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Sunday, 9:00 A.M.    | Digital Music & | Jim Reed | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |
| Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. | Digital Music   | Jim Reed | Carol Thornton<br>Cindy Koller |

#### Week of 10/8

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

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

| <u>DATE</u>   | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u>                              |
|---------------|-------------|---|
| 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 |
| Monday (2)    | 6:30 P.M.   | Board of Elders                           |
| Tuesday (3)   | 5:30 P.M.   | Gsus Singers                              |
| Wednesday (4) | 5:30 P.M.   | Catechism Vespers                         |
|               | 7:00 P.M.   | Divine Service                            |
| Thursday (5)  | 10:00 A.M.  | Proverbs Bible Study                      |
| Friday (6)    |             | Pastor's Day Off                          |
| Saturday (7)  | 10:00 A.M.  | First Communion Class                     |
|               | 6:30 P.M.   | Movie Night                               |
| Sunday (8)    | 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

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Last Week Offering:     | \$2,136.00         |
| Other Income and Gifts: | \$123.70           |
| Total Income This Week: | \$2,259.70         |
| Needed for Budget:      | \$3,346.24         |
| <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$1,086.54</b> |

### YEAR-TO-DATE

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Year-to-Date Offerings: | \$104,543.67       |
| Other Income and Gifts: | \$16,908.91        |
| Total Income This Year: | \$121,452.58       |
| Needed for Budget:      | \$130,502.36       |
| <b>Difference:</b>      | <b>-\$9,049.78</b> |

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

| <u>SERVICE</u>             | <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | <u>COMMUNION</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Sunday, 9/24, 9:00 A.M.    | 88                | 68               |
| Wednesday, 9/27, 7:00 P.M. | 7                 | 6                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>95</b>         | <b>74</b>        |