



# OUR REDEEMER

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, 8 October A+D 2023 · 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 11 October 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 Four, pg. 203
Hymns:	594, 544, 631, 892, 571, 861, 791
Sermon Title:	"The Love of the Master for His Vineyard"
Sermon Text:	Matthew 21:33-46

## 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

**KOLTON LENARD HARVATH**, son of Matt & Kammie Harvath, becomes a child of God this morning in the waters of Holy Baptism. Sponsors for Kolton are Laura Smart, Westley Paupore, & Megan Harvath. We pray God's blessings on Kolton on his new life in Christ.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK RENEE WILSON** for nearly 17 years as our office secretary here at Our Redeemer! Renee's last day was this past Thursday and she'll now be enjoying retirement with her husband, Chris. God be with you, Renee! Thank you for your hard work and faithful service to our congregation!

**WE ALSO WELCOME CLAIRE VALESKI** as our new office secretary! Claire's office hours for the time being will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. You can reach her at (906) 774-1844 or [secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org) if you need anything!

**LWML THANK YOU!** The LWML would like to thank you all for attending our service last week. I hope you learned our mission and more about what we do. We invite you to join us at our meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in the fellowship hall.

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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!

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

### MUSIC

### ELDERS

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Week of 10/8

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Digital Music & Choir	Rob Kuehl	Carol Thornton Cindy Koller
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Reed	Carol Thornton Cindy Koller

#### Week of 10/15

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

## THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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
Monday (9)	1:00 P.M.	Ladies' Guild
Tuesday (10)	9:00 A.M.	Circuit Pastors' Meeting-Houghton
	5:30 P.M.	Gsus Singers
Wednesday (11)	9:00 A.M.	Service at Optalis
	5:30 P.M.	Catechism Vespers
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (12)	10:00 A.M.	Proverbs Bible Study
Friday (13)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (14)		
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

## GIVING REPORT & BUDGET UPDATE

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Last Week Offering:	\$2,168.45
Other Income and Gifts:	\$433.21
Total Income This Week:	\$2,601.66
Needed for Budget:	\$3,346.24
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$744.58</b>

### YEAR-TO-DATE

Year-to-Date Offerings:	\$106,712.12
Other Income and Gifts:	\$17,342.12
Total Income This Year:	\$124,054.24
Needed for Budget:	\$133,848.60
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>-\$9,794.36</b>

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sunday, 10/1, 9:00 A.M.	75	60
Wednesday, 10/4, 7:00 P.M.	12	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>71</b>