



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 28 July A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 31 July A+D 2024 • 7:00 P.M.



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 54:1–3, 7; antiphon: vv. 4–5



Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,*

and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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KYRIE*LSB 186***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS***LSB 187***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY***LSB 189*

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Sit***OLD TESTAMENT READING***2 Samuel 22:26-34*

- ²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself blameless;
²⁷with the purified you deal purely,
and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.
²⁸You save a humble people,
but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.
²⁹For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
³¹This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.
³²“For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God?
³³This God is my strong refuge
and has made my way blameless.
³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer
and set me secure on the heights.”

GRADUAL*Psalm 8:1*

O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!
You have set your | glory*
above the | heavens.

EPISTLE*1 Corinthians 10:6-13*

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not

let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190; Psalm 112:1

Alleluia. Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,*
who greatly delights in his commandments! Alle- | luia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 192

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What Is the World to Me” LSB 730

SERMON

“Being Shrewd Concerning the Times” Luke 16:1-13

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE	LSB 194
SANCTUS	LSB 195
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 196
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD	LSB 197
PAX DOMINI	LSB 197
AGNUS DEI	LSB 198

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I'm But a Stranger Here" LSB 748
"Onward, Christian Soldiers" LSB 662
"Jesus, Lead Thou On" LSB 718

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
BENEDICTION	LSB 202
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING is this morning at 10:30 A.M. All voting members (confirmed members at least 16 years old) are asked to attend.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS NEXT SUNDAY! We will have our usual Divine Service at 9:00 A.M. At 3:00 P.M., everyone is invited to an "Open House" to gather, reminisce, and enjoy each other's company. Our service will start at 4:00 P.M. and our dinner will take place immediately following the service.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE whose time, efforts, and donations made possible the refurbishing of our fellowship hall restrooms. Both the men's and women's rooms are now fully handicapped accessible and available for use!

THE FIRST RUN of our merchandise, cookbooks, and our picture directory/history book will be in this week. Orders can still be placed if you would like to get something in memory of our 100th anniversary. Forms are on the welcome kiosk and can be turned in with payment to the office.

PASTOR MACKEY IS ORGANIZING A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM to provide meals for Family Ties. In August, we will be looking for volunteers to take ingredients provided to them and make a meal to be served there. If interested in helping, please speak to Pastor Mackey.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Trinity 9: Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol "Death" draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death's allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our "Rock" never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. *Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *Luke 16:8-9 – "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings."* The things of this world, including wealth, are merely tools. They can be used for good or ill. They can be squandered or used efficiently. How we use them will be determined by what is most important to us. What is most important to you in your life? Does the way you use the things of this world reflect that?

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<i>Week of 7/28</i>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Marian Volek & Choir	Dana Bey Bob Roska	Maridol Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Bob Roska	Maridol Bey
<i>Week of 8/4</i>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Rob Kuehl Skip Schoenborn	Lisa Swanson
Sunday, 4:00 P.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music		Lisa Swanson

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (28)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Quarterly Voters Meeting
Monday (29)		
Tuesday (30)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (31)	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (1)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (2)		
Saturday (3)		
Sunday (4)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Bible Study
	3:00 P.M.	100 th Anniversary Open House
	4:00 P.M.	100 th Anniversary Vespers Service
	5:00 P.M.	100 th Anniversary Dinner

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$13,051.17	\$105,236.20
Expenses:	\$48,516.83	\$133,602.40
Difference:	-\$35,465.70	-\$28,366.20

This report represents raw monthly and year-to-date receipt/expense data ("money-in"/"money-out"), including expenses for which funds were reserved from memorials and designated gifts.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., July 21 st , 9:00 A.M.	77	64
Weds., July 24 th , 7:00 P.M.	5	5
Total	82	69