



## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 18 August A+D 2024 • 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 21 August 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**

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*“Come, Thou Almighty King” LSB 905*

*Stand*

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*LSB 184*

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

#### INTROIT

*Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1–2a*



Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

**Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\***

**who | seek my life!**

Let them be | turned back\*

and brought to dishonor who de- | sire my hurt!

**May all who seek | you rejoice\***

**and be | glad in you!**

You are my help and my de- | liverer;\*

O LORD, do | not delay!



**G** 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.

Make haste, O God, to de- | liver me!\*

O LORD, make haste to | help me!

**Let them be put to shame and con- | fusion\***

**who | seek my life!**

#### KYRIE

*LSB 186*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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

*Isaiah 29:17-24*

<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom and darkness  
the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,

and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>20</sup>For the ruthless shall come to nothing

and the scoffer cease,  
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

<sup>21</sup>who by a word make a man out to be an offender,

and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,  
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,  
no more shall his face grow pale.

<sup>23</sup>For when he sees his children,  
the work of my hands, in his midst,  
they will sanctify my name;

they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob  
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,  
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 34:1–2*



I will bless the LORD at | all times;\*  
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*  
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 10:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is

justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190; Psalm 81:1*

Alleluia. Sing aloud to | God our strength;\*  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Alle- | luia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 7:31-37*

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

### NICENE CREED

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” LSB 545*

### SERMON

*“Jesus Opens Our Ears to Hear and Our Mouths to Speak” Mark 7:31-37*

*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

<b>PREFACE</b>	LSB 194
<b>SANCTUS</b>	LSB 195
<b>LORD'S PRAYER</b>	LSB 196
<b>THE WORDS OF OUR LORD</b>	LSB 197
<b>PAX DOMINI</b>	LSB 197
<b>AGNUS DEI</b>	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.

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b>	<i>"Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal" LSB 533</i>
	<i>"The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord" LSB 634</i>
	<i>"The Law of God Is Good and Wise" LSB 579</i>

*Stand*

<b>NUNC DIMITTIS</b>	LSB 199
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>	LSB 200
<b>SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS</b>	LSB 201
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	LSB 202
<b>HYMN TO DEPART</b>	<i>"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924</i>

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# NEWS & NOTES

## **EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE WILL BE:**

8:45 A.M.	Education Hour (Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Study)
10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

**CATECHISM VESPERS WILL RESUME** on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. **A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** for any children wanting to prepare to receive the Lord's Supper will start on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Any parents wanting to include their children in either program should reach out to Pastor Ruesch

**WE NEED YOUR REFUNDABLE BOTTLES/CANS AND YOUR RECEIPTS!** Our Redeemer Youth is collecting refundable bottles and cans for the 2025 National High School Youth Gathering. Also we are collecting Super One and Tadych's Marketplace receipts. White buckets for collecting the receipts are located just inside the Fellowship Hall entrance. For every receipt, 1% of every \$1 goes towards Our Redeemer Youth. Thank you for your support!

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Trinity 12:** The Word of God's love and Christ's life brings forth healing and hope, purpose and preciousness, survival and everlasting salvation. This He delights to do even for impaired or undeveloped human bodies (Mark 7:32-35) and no matter how dismal the situation (Isaiah 29:17-19). *Dear Father, give desperate hearts life and confidence knowing that their sufficiency comes from Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**"THROUGH OUR VOCATIONS, BOTH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY,** Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** Mark 7:37 – *"And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well.'" When God created the world, it was "very good" (Gen. 1:31). And here Jesus does all things well. God is always blessing, always seeking our good. We know this is so ... but we still struggle to believe it. For if we really believed it, why would we ever do anything contrary to God's will and Law? We know that everything He tells us to do is for our good ... and yet we struggle in the weakness of the flesh. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief!*

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>
<u>Week of 8/18</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Bradley Linsmeyer Jim Reed	Jenna Long
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Jenna Long
<u>Week of 8/25</u>			
Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Rob Kuehl Bob Roska	Sue Rochon
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Sue Rochon

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (18)	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Divine Service Bible Study
Monday (19)		
Tuesday (20)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (21)	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (22)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (23)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (24)		
Sunday (25)	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	Divine Service Missionary Presentation

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$16,865.35	\$122,101.52
Expenses:	\$14,758.57	\$148,360.93
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>+\$2,106.78</b>	<b>-\$26,259.41</b>

*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. We need to average **\$16,200.00 per month** to cover budget items and basic bills. At present, we are averaging **\$17,400.00 per month**.*

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00 A.M.	83	69
Weds., Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.	10	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>79</b>