

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 8 September A+D 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, 11 September 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.

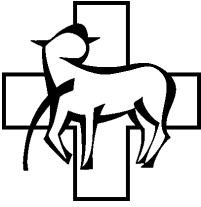
A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a “communion,” something done in “community.” It is a public confession of 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

"Seek Ye First" LSB 712

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3



Incline your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,*
save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

Gladden the soul of your | servant,*
for to you, O Lord, do I lift | up my soul.

Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious;*
turn to me and be gra- | cious to me;

give your strength to your | servant,*
and save the son of your maid- | servant.



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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save your servant, who trusts in you—you | are my God.

Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*
for to you do I cry | all the day.

KYRIE

LSB 186

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 187

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; 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***1 Kings 17:8-16*

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

GRADUAL*Psalm 118:8-9*

It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to | trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge | in the LORD*
than to trust in | princes.**

EPISTLE*Galatians 5:16-24*

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have

opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190; Psalm 95:1

Alleluia. Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Alle- | luia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:24-34

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one 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.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 192

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

“What God Ordains Is Always Good” LSB 760

SERMON

“The Antidote to Anxiety” Matthew 6:24-34

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G 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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB 735

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" LSB 637

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS	LSB 199
THANKSGIVING	LSB 200
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS	LSB 201
BENEDICTION	LSB 202
HYMN TO DEPART	<i>"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725</i>

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NEWS & NOTES

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOSTS/HOSTESSES ARE NEEDED! Please see the sign-up sheet on the welcome kiosk if you're willing to make coffee and provide an after-service snack for our new 11:30 fellowship time after the service! Volunteers are also needed for **TRUNK-OR-TREAT** next month. Sign-up sheet is also on the welcome kiosk.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS starts this Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. for all students who wish to prepare for Confirmation. **AN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS** will begin on Saturday, October 19th at 10:00 A.M. for all adults who wish to learn more about the Lutheran faith.

DID YOU KNOW: a full library of Pastor Ruesch's sermons from Our Redeemer is available on the church website at ourredeemerkingsford.org/sermon-audio? You can also find them in podcast format on your favorite podcast app.

SCHEDULE NOTE: There will not be Youth Confirmation Class or a Midweek Divine Service on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH** while Pastor is in Fort Wayne for his Doctor of Ministry class.

WE NEED YOUR REFUNDABLE BOTTLES/CANS AND YOUR RECEIPTS! Our Redeemer Youth are collecting refundable bottles and cans for the 2025 National High School Youth Gathering. We are also 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 15: Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. Amen.*

“LET US NEVER FORGET AND CONTINUE TO TRUST IN GOD as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *Matthew 6:24 – “You cannot serve God and money.”* In today's Gospel, Jesus gives the first and last word about our stewardship — well, you have to go back a few verses to verse 19 to get the whole thing: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Read Matt. 5:19–34 again this week at home and consider your generosity to the Lord's work in light of what Jesus says.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	<u>MUSIC</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUID</u>
<u>Week of 9/8</u>			
Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed Rob Kuehl	Maridol Bey
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey
<u>Week of 9/15</u>			
Sunday, 10:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Jim Reed Rob Kuehl	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (8)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship
Monday (9)		
Tuesday (10)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Wednesday (11)	5:30 P.M.	Youth Confirmation Class
	7:00 P.M.	Divine Service
Thursday (12)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Friday (13)		<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Saturday (14)	10:00 A.M.	First Communion Class
Sunday (15)	8:45 A.M.	Education Hour
	10:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	11:30 A.M.	Coffee & Fellowship

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Receipts:	\$16,324.35	\$138,425.87
Expenses:	\$21,468.36	\$169,829.30
Difference:	-\$5,144.01	-\$31,403.42

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., Sept. 1 st , 9:00 A.M.	82	61
Weds., Sept. 4 th , 7:00 P.M.	14	8
Total	96	69