



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME to worship at Redeemer Church.

All who are baptized and believe the following are invited to **commune**. Luther's Small Catechism says that the Sacrament of the Altar is "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink." "...forgiveness of sin, life and salvation are given to us in the sacrament..."

Today, the ministers will **distribute communion** from the front of each section of pews. When the ministers arrive at your section of pews, leave your pew to the left, receive bread and wine and return to your seat using the opposite aisle. Ushers will guide you.

Today, communion is distributed by "**intinction**": Hold your hands out to receive a wafer of bread then dip it in the cup of wine. Children and all who are not yet communing are invited to the table for a blessing.

Please fill out the attendance folder. **Guests**, please include your address and telephone number (and home church on the back). Please introduce yourself to the Pastor and take a guest packet.

A nursery is available where *preschool* children can stretch.

Serving Today

Assisting Ministers: Donna M. Behrend
Cantor: George D. Behrend
Acolytes: Megan Kish & Danielle Osadcuk
Greeters: Kreidler Family
Altar Care: Linn Reppa & Diann Long
Nursery: No Attendant during summer
Ushers: *Thanks!*

Serving Sunday Aug. 31

Debbie D'Alessandro
Brent Meier
Osadcuk Family
same

Offering Counters: Virginia Lindamood, Cindy Osadcuk, Pat Andrukut,
Katy Murphy, Mary Jean Howell and Dot Zimmerman

REDEEMER CHURCH STAFF

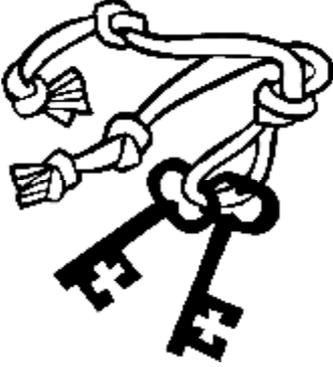
Rev. Michael D. Oakley
Gail Young
Kathy Walker

Pastor
Organist and Choir Director
Secretary

Redeemer Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

August 24, 2008

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

(Presiding Minister Congregation Assisting Minister)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the source of life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. **C** **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

All may kneel or remain seated. Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of compassion,

C **we confess that we have failed to bear witness that you desire to draw all people to yourself.**

In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us, and our love of others has not been genuine.

We have been caught up in the cares of the world.

We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships.

Forgive us our sins, merciful God,

that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need,

and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation. Amen.

P Brothers and sisters,
Buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven.
The death Christ has died, he died to sin, once for all;
But the life he lives, he lives to God.
So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Sit
*The service continues with the prelude: Gather us In by P. Honore
Hymns may be found in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

GATHERING

Stand

GATHERING HYMN *The Church's One Foundation ELW 654*

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and
sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

SUMMER GREETING

- P** Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.
The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.
- C And also with you.**

KYRIE

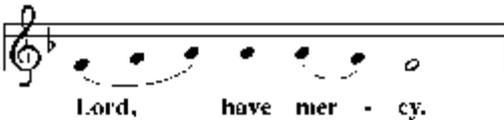
The Kyrie is sung in dialogue between an assisting minister and the assembly.



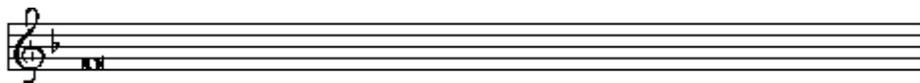
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



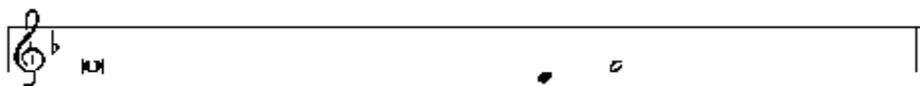
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



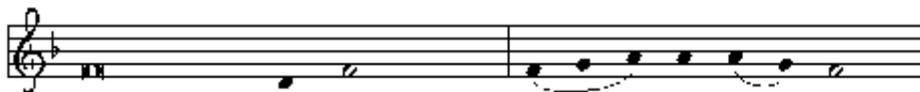
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy,



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - - - - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Psalterian
This is the least of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.

C **Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P Gracious God, you have called this congregation into being as an assembly of believers among whom the gospel of Christ is faithfully preached and the sacraments of grace are administered.

C **Bless us as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary. Look with favor upon our membership and our mission, and keep us ever faithful to the one who has called us to discipleship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Sit

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Isaiah 51:1–6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

A A reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹my whole heart;*
before the gods I will ¹sing your praise.

**²I will bow down toward your holy temple and ¹praise your name,*
because of your ¹love and faithfulness;**

³for you have glori- ¹fied your name*
and your word a- ¹bove all things.

**⁴When I called, you ¹answered me;*
you increased my ¹strength within me.**

⁵All the kings of the earth will praise ¹you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words ¹of your mouth.

**⁶They will sing of the ways¹ of the LORD,*
that great is the glory¹ of the LORD.**

⁷Though the LORD be high, he cares¹ for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty¹ from afar.

**⁸Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you¹ keep me safe;*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right¹ hand shall save me.**

⁹The LORD will make good his pur-¹pose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works¹ of your hands.

SECOND READING Romans 12:1–8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

A A reading from Paul's Letter to the Church in Rome.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CHOIR ANTHEM “*With a Voice of Singing*” by M. Shaw

Stand

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13–20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON *The Rev. Norman E. Minich*

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *Built on a Rock* *ELW 652*

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.
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NICENE CREED

The presiding minister invites the assembly to confess the faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

A Redeemer of the world, we pray that all divisions that separate your people may be healed and that Christians everywhere will grow in holy love towards one another. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

A God of all, we offer ourselves in service to the world and all our brothers and sisters. Help us to transform creation into your vision of what is good, acceptable, and perfect. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

A Eternal God, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to found this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

A Lord of heaven and earth, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our communities, especially police officers, social workers, and court officials. Protect them and give them strength to advocate for those in need, so that all may enjoy the goodness of your creation. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

A Healing Lord, we ask your comforting presence to embrace the dying, hospitalized, and sick especially George, Art, Mary Lou, Pat, Al, Ali and the family of Steve. Console the suffering with the knowledge that you are at their side. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

A Saving God, we ask you to bless mission congregations and missionaries everywhere. Help this and every congregation to make disciples, having faith that you call all people to yourself. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of eternal love, give comfort to all who mourn. Give joy to all who sorrow. We give thanks for all who have followed your call and who now rest from their labors. Hear us, O God; **C** **your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C** **Amen**

MEAL

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Sit

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is gathered as the Lord's table is prepared.

CHOIR ANTHEM "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive!" by D.Besig/N.Price

The assembly may sing the following offering song, or an appropriate hymn or psalm may be sung.

Stand



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful. Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

SUMMER OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

C **Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world, signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SUNDAY PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

SUMMER THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,
and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our savior gave us.

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

COMMUNION

The bread may be broken for distribution with these words:

P All good gifts come from God.

C **We come with gratitude to this table of bounty.**

Sit

*Today, the ministers will distribute communion from the front of each section of pews. When the ministers arrive at your section of pews, leave your pew to the left, receive bread and wine and return to your seat using the opposite aisle. Today, communion is distributed by "intinction": Hold your hands out to receive a wafer of bread then dip it in the cup of wine. As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen***

As the people commune, hymns and other music may be used, and may include the following:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

SOLO *My Redeemer in Me* Dan D'Alessandro

HYMN *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

- 1 Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber,
clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather,
fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing
are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,
of your living self, our vict'ry,
pledge of your unfailing presence,
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

- 3 Lord, we share in this communion
as one fam'ly of God's children,

reconciled through you, our brother,
one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others,
serving all, both friends and strangers,
seeking justice, love, and mercy
till you come in final glory.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen

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HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* *ELW 597*

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Lamb of God (above) may be repeated as time allows.

Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voice - es raise; tell ev-ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and hear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SUMMER PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. O God, our provider, you nourish us
with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others.

**C Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim
your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

SUMMER BLESSING

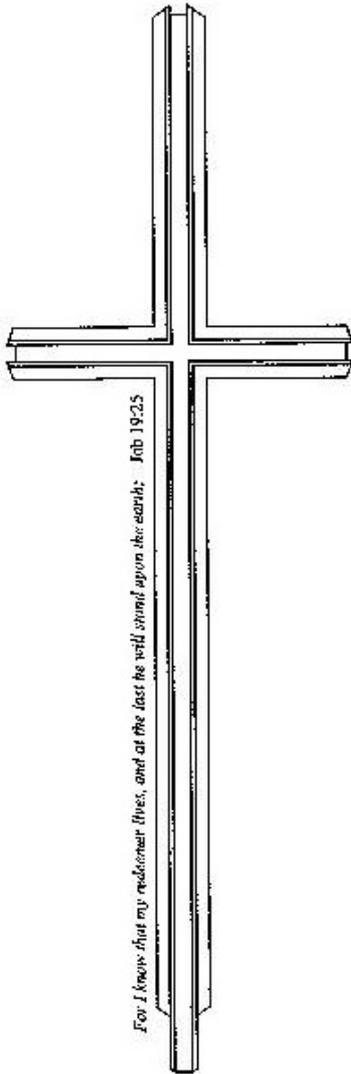
P God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. **Amen.**

P Almighty and merciful God + bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and
forevermore. **Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” by P.Lutkin

SENDING HYMN *As We Walk in Faith*

1 .On this day we sing and give praise
to the Lord who guides our way.
He is ever vigilant here
as we walk in faith.



Refrain

As we walk in faith
and we trust His grace;
and in faith we take His hand.
He is here with us.
He is blessing us as we walk in faith.

2. Through the years we've grown
and we've shared
Our Redeemer's love and care.
We are blessed and full of His grace.
As we walk in faith. ***Refrain***

3 .Praise the Father, Praise the Son
and the Spirit, Three in One
This forever still is our song;
As we walk in faith. ***Refrain***

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SUMMER DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live the gospel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*In the next three minutes, talk with one or
more of your fellow worshippers who you do
not already know.*

POSTLUDE

Built On a Rock

by E. T. Childs

A Mighty Fortress

by B . Harbach

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Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park, continues to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the congregation at the **Golden Jubilee Homecoming Worship Service**, today!

A continental breakfast in Fellowship Hall (no charge) will follow the worship service.

The August Golden Jubilee Homecoming Celebration is in honor of the first meeting, Saturday, August 23, 1958, and first worship service, Sunday, August 31, 1958, of the mission congregation of the American Lutheran Church that would become Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brook Park.

Another celebration will be held, Sunday, November 30, 2008 in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the official beginning of the congregation with the signing of its charter. The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Bishop of the NE Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preach. In honor of this occasion, you are invited to give an offering to RLC's ELCA Mission Start Fund, the **RLC Golden Jubilee Benevolence Project**. Our goal for this gift is \$2,500; offerings received to date are approximately \$1,900. At the conclusion of this project, the funds will be given to our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Mission Start Fund, to help start a new congregation. Please use an offering envelope and mark it, *Mission Start*.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS!

THE REV. NORMAN MINICH is our preacher today. He was born in Gibsonburg, Ohio. He served in the Navy Air Corps in WW II. He graduated from Bowling Green State University and Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus OH (now Trinity). He served First Lutheran in Fairport Harbor for three years and then became the mission pastor at Redeemer and served for twelve and a half years. Pastor Minich graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master of City Planning Degree. He became a Regional Mission Planner at the *Lutheran Council in the USA* and then Executive Director of the Division of Mission and Ministry. Prior to the merger forming the ELCA in 1988, Pastor Minich chose to start a new mission in Washington Crossing PA where he served for five and a half years before retiring. In retirement he has served as an interim pastor at three congregations. Pastor Minich and his wife, Joane, live in Frederick, MD.

MR. CHARLES PINTNER is our organist today. He writes, *Since leaving my position as organist at Redeemer in 1970 to attend Bowling Green State University I've lived on the western side of Ohio. After receiving a degree in Music Education I taught in Ottawa-Glandorf, a town west of Findlay, and for Toledo Public Schools. During that time I've held several positions in many churches in NW Ohio, including Methodist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian. I've been at Messiah Lutheran in Toledo since 1994. My current position is Cantor, which includes directing a choir, playing the organ, and worship planning. I am also the office manager of the church.*

One project I'm currently working on is providing quality organ music for worship from my computer at home for use at church. The number of organists is in decline and the number of young people in training is not enough to fill the churches that need an organist. The prelude, postlude and Hymn of the Day have all been prepared that way for our use today. Perhaps

in the future, churches without an organist can use the sounds of an organ to lead the assembly in song.

THE REV. ANDREW WILCH is reading scripture today. Pastor Wilch retired from full time pastoral ministry in the ELCA in 1995 after serving six congregations. He was pastor of Redeemer Church from 1982 to 1987. His first wife, Wilma, died in 1997. He and his wife, Patricia Biddle Wilch, whom he married in 2003, live in Gahanna OH.

MR. DON MAINZER is directing the last choir anthem today. Don continued to sing with church choirs after moving to Illinois, and is an active choir member at Trinity Lutheran Church, Macomb IL; he has also directed and sung with numerous barbershop quartets and is a member of SPEBSQA. Don is the chairman of the new worship center committee at Trinity Church, and enjoys playing lots of golf in his spare time. Don and his wife, Mary Ellen, are retired and live in Macomb, IL.

Take a moment to read the poster of written greetings from former members and former RLC Pastors. It is located in the lounge with other RLC Memorabilia.

CHURCH HOMEBOUND include; Dee Brunner, Alice Richardson, Robert Urbansky and Virginia Saul. Please remember them in your prayers. The shut-ins always appreciate personal notes or telephone calls.

CONTACT Pastor Oakley at 216.469.7252 for pastoral care emergencies outside of office hours.

WE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING members and friends in our prayers today: George Kolesar, Art Russo, Mary Lou Dunn, Pat McIntosh, Al Rieker, Ali Movahedi and the family of Steve Dean. Today's ELCA Cleve. West Conference prayer partner is Gloria Dei, Cleveland and Interim Pastor Béla Bernhardt.

MILITARY PERSONNEL Please keep the following military personnel in your prayers as they serve our country: Gary Arnold, Vincent Cassese, Justin Clark, Patrick Cole, Chaz Gustkey, Jeff Mason, Timothy Sansbury, Jr., David Palmer and Mark Weinschreider.

EQUAL EXCHANGE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF COFFEE PROJECT

RLC offers coffee and other products *at cost*. See the display in the library hall or stop in the church office during business hours to purchase or order products. We currently have Café Salvador, Tanzanian and Decaf Colombian and decaf tea. A list is available in the church office for additional orders. LWR receives a benefit from these sales, RLC does not.

LWR SCHOOL KITS Vacation Bible School families donated many of the items needed and gifts of money have been given to fill in the items on which we are short. Some of the bags have been packed. You will hear more about this

exciting activities of *Live B.I.G.* will continue to be the curriculum. If you can help lead one or more sessions, please sign the poster on the lounge bulletin board.

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE Twenty-five copies of the *Lutheran Magazine* are available for you to take home and read. The August issue is available in the narthex.

THRIVENT MEMBERS CAN HELP LOVE INC multiply its funds raised at a dinner on September 27. If enough Thrivent Branch members help with preparations and set up for the dinner, Thrivent will match up to \$1600.00 of the funds raised. Volunteer to Carol Worgull if you are interested in participating.

VATICAN SPLENDORS is at the Western Reserve Historical Society through September. A lunch and tour of the exhibit is being planned for early September. Look for more details in the worship pamphlet or newsletter.

WANTED: One (or more) RLC members to serve the unexpired terms on Church Council as **Chairperson(s)** of the Evangelism Committee
Qualifications: NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED, on the job training provided, the ability to laugh is a plus.
Responsibilities: attend monthly Council meetings, meet with your committee as needed.
Evangelism Chair: works closely with the pastor to bring the Gospel to the un-churched, visitors and members through written communication with new residents and visitors and promoting activity among the membership; term expires Jan 31, 2009.
Benefits: PRICELESS!

Please contact Donna Behrend, or Pastor Oakley, for additional information. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

SUMMER STUDY concludes, tomorrow evening, Monday, August 25 at 7:00p.m. in the RLC Lounge. We will study Romans 7:15-25a, "For I do not do what I want, . . .". Please read the scripture for the study and paragraphs around it in preparation for the evening. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED Please volunteer to pastor.

SUMMER 2008 RLC MEMBER DIRECTORIES are available in the narthex.

THE SPECIAL RLC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING held Sunday, August 10, agreed to the proposals recommended to the congregation by RLC Council. Concrete work has been completed and the parking lot will be repaved this week. Although an official fundraising project has not been established, your donations are welcome. Please mark your offering envelope *Parking Lot*.

PARKING AT RLC AUGUST 25-29 The RLC Parking Lot will be repaved during the week of August 25-29, possibly as soon as tomorrow, August 25. If the Smith Road entrance is closed, please use the Hardin Dr. entrance. RLC's Hardin driveway will be open to the edge of the parking lot itself and parking space will be available in the grassy gravel area between the paper recycling bin and the shed.



STEAK AND CORN ROAST: Saturday, September 13th at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Dave & Cindy Osadczuk. The price is \$11.00 per person. Please bring a lawn chair and a place setting. Sign up poster will soon be in the narthex. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

RLC SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY will be **September 7 at 9:30A.M.** The Sunday worship time will return to **10:45A.M.** that same day.

College Students don't forget to forward your college address to the church office.

RLC WOMEN'S RETREAT: The scheduled dates are Friday, Sept. **19th** and Saturday, Sept. **20th**. The retreat will be held, once again, at Camp Mowana in Mansfield. The price is **\$70.00** including room and food. **We need at least 15 ladies**, so please fill out the registration form below and send along a check in the amount of **\$35.00** or **full payment of \$70.00**. **HOWEVER**, if more women want to come, we can put three or four in a room, but then you will have to be willing to share a bed. Let's see how many women are interested and then go from there. A ride to the retreat will be available. More details will follow. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Osadczuk.

NAME _____

I would like to attend the RLC Women's Retreat in September. Enclosed is my deposit of \$35.00 made payable to "WOC Redeemer Lutheran". The balance of \$35.00 will be paid when requested. Please return your deposit and slip to the church office c/o Cindy Osadczuk. Thank You

RLC IS NEWS! (Nurtured and Empowered to Witness and Serve)

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today

- 9:30 A.M. RLC Golden Jubilee Homecoming Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Summer Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. **RLC Golden Jubilee Homecoming Brunch**
- 10A.M. & 6P.M. Ukrainian Worship Services
- 1:00 P.M. **Take Down** RLC Golden Jubilee Homecoming

Monday

- 7:00 P.M. Adult Summer Study

Tuesday

- 7:00 P.M. Ukrainian Worship Service

Wednesday

- 11:00 A.M. Worship at North Park
- 6:30 P.M. Landscape Plan Presentation in Lounge
- 7:15 P.M. Choir Practice in Worship Center

Thursday

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 610
- 8:00 P.M. Recovery

Saturday

- 7:00 P.M. Ukrainian Worship Service

Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Summer Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Summer Sunday School
- 10A.M. & 6P.M. Ukrainian Worship Services

*For I know that
my redeemer lives,
and at the last he
will stand upon the
earth; . Job 19:25*



LANDSCAPE PLAN PRESENTATION will be this Wednesday, August 27, 6:30-7:30P.M. in the lounge. Council, Res. & Management Com. and others interested in the landscape plan are encouraged to attend. Jeffrey Husney, of *Husney's Landscape* will use pictures, drawings and maps to present a plan to *guide* any future landscaping at RLC. It will be up to RLC Leaders to decide when and how much of the plan to implement. When an area (such as the driveway island with gas meter) is determined to be a priority for landscaping, the plan will serve as a *guide*. The *RLC Landscaping Fund*, established by an anonymous donor, will have about \$2,000.00 in it after paying for the plan. Those funds can be used to purchase plants to be planted by members or to complete projects requiring professional work. It is hoped that the plan will help RLC's blessing of the land to be a complete (shalom), nurturing and empowering visual blessing to all who come here to worship and serve our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.