



***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

*Sunday, July 31, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.*

***TIME AFTER PENTECOST***

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

Welcome! We are happy you are here to worship with us at Our Redeemer.  
Please sign the attendance pew pads. Thank you.

Congregation please stand as you are able when the asterisk\* appears.

**PRAYER AND WELCOME**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.** *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**  
**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*"Amazing Grace"*

Hymn 779  
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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2: 18-23**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****Colossians 3: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*“Alleluia”*

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**GOSPEL****Luke 12: 13-21**

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my

goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Stephanie Lorenz*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Day by Day”*

Hymn 790

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L: Hear us, O God

**C: Your mercy is great**

**\*PEACE**

**OFFERING**

*“Jesus Loves Me”*

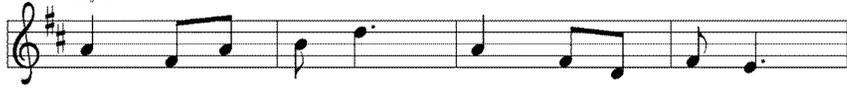


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION**

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We invite all who believe in the true body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We commune by taking an empty glass for the wine or a glass of grape juice from the tray then proceed to the altar. After eating the bread you hold up your glass to receive the wine or blessing of the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

**LAMB OF GOD**

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**\*BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Please see end of bulletin for additional announcements)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG**      *“My Redeemers Lives”*      # 619 (*Hymnal*)

**\*DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

**Church Musician:**

**Lector:** Bev Quella

**Counters:** Dennis Sauberlich & Sue Burroughs

**Ushers:** Open

**Altar Guild:**



**We raise up in prayer** - Please contact Pastor

Stephanie, or Renee in the office with **any prayer requests**.

**Let us pray for the well-being of all people.**

**For those who have not been able to worship with us.**

**For all who are homebound and their caregivers.**

**For our sick and hospitalized.**

Please pray for family & friends of Marvin DeVries, and **Adell Bernal** as she grieves the loss of her son, Marvin DeVries.

**For Lucia Alten, Ruth Freye, Marlys & Jarvis Girard, Donna Juhnke, MaryAnn Kunschke, Volney Roesler, Doris Roth, Tom & Sue Steffen, Karen Tuszka, Barbara Walstrom, Pat Zuehlke, Debora Alten, Nita Clark, LeeAnn Clark, Vannah Davidson (Pricilla Gressler's mother), Chuck & Gina Hendricks (Debbie Borchart's brother & niece), Jim, Joanie (Jan Novy's sister), Marilyn Jacobson, Sarah and Erica Koppenhoefer, Brooke Poole, Gary Roth, Ryan (Ruth Freye's grandson), and Pat Zimmerman (Brenda Willems's father).**

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, July 31**

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

### **Monday, August 1**

### **Tuesday, August 2**

9:00 a.m. Quilting Angels  
6:00-9:00 p.m. New Horizons Orchestra

### **Wednesday, August 3**

### **Thursday, August 4**

### **Friday, August 5**

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
5:00-9:00 p.m. Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Saturday, August 6**

9:00 a.m.-Noon Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Sunday, August 7**

9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

ORLC Stewardship & Finance Meeting – **TBD**

ORLC Executive Committee Meeting – **TBD**

ORLC Council Meeting – **TBD**

Women of the ELCA Bible Study – **resume in fall**

Worship & Music – **TBD**

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## APPROACHING COUNTING SCHEDULE

Aug. 7, 2016 Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law

Aug. 14, 2016 Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer, Pricilla  
Gressler & Pam Trader

Aug. 21, 2016 Mary McClure & Sue Steffen

Aug. 28, 2016 Maynard & MaryAnn Kunschke  
& Larry Gressler

**Please check the “*Doors of Opportunity*” and Narthex for church and community information.**

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**Are you a Thrivent Member?**

**All Thrivent members age 16 or older are eligible** to lead a Thrivent Action Team. Benefit members can lead **two Thrivent Action Teams per year**. Associate Members can lead three in a lifetime. Action Teams allow members to lead charitable projects in their churches, schools and communities using funds provided by Thrivent. The **online application takes minutes** to complete. Each **approved Action Team project receives \$250** that can be used for purposes such as buying project supplies and creating promotional materials. For **more information, contact ORLC member and Thrivent Representative, Brenda Willems**. Keep in mind **you will need to be registered on line with Thrivent** to apply for these activities.

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**Weekly Contributions for Operating Budget & Debt Retirement**

Sunday, July 24 attendance 32

**Operating Budget Contributions: \$568.00**

**Needed each week for Operating Budget: \$1,797.00**

**Debt Retirement Contributions: \$140.00**

**Needed each week for Mortgage: \$470.00**

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***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***

***Open Hearts, Open Doors***

***Come Worship With Us!***

**Sundays - 9AM with Holy Communion**

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***“Growing in Faith, Reaching Out with Love”***

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***All Are Welcome!***

***No matter what your present status in the Lutheran Church,***

***No matter what your current family or marital situation.***

***No matter what your past or present Religious affiliation.***

***No matter your personal history, age, background, race, etc.,***

***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church invites, welcomes, accepts, loves and respects you!***

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***Mission Statement of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***

***As a family of believers in Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission (purpose) of the Congregation of Our Redeemer Lutheran***

***Church is to:***

***Serve God***

***Through worship, prayer, the holy sacraments and Christian education.***

***Serve Each Other***

***Through Christian fellowship, faithful support and care for one another.***

***Serve the Community***

***By reaching out to others and welcoming them among us. By responding and supporting those that have either worldly or spiritual needs.***

***Serve the Wider Church***

***Through benevolent giving, offering prayers, and helping to support the good news about Jesus Christ throughout the world.***

# **SERMON NOTES**