



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, July 24, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

TIME AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE *“Two Trumpet Tunes”* Antonio Vivaldi

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** *“Come Live in the Light”* Hymn 720

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: **Genesis 18: 20-32**

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord.

Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”³² Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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GOSPEL:

Luke 11: 1-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON***Pastor Stephanie Lorenz****HYMN OF THE DAY***“Day by Day”*

Hymn 790

**PRAYER AT THE CROSS WITH THE LAYING ON OF
HANDS AND ANOINTING**

HYMN *“Healer of Our Every Ill”* # 612 (Hymnal)

L1: We gather in the name of the triune God, our healer, our hope, and our only home.

L2: We come to hear the promises of God, to pray for healing and for one another, to receive the anointing of oil and the laying on of hands, and to be sent into the world as wounded healers and bearers of Christ’s love.

L1: Let us pray. Merciful God, **we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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L2: A reading from Luke. One day, while Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting nearby (they had come from every village of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem); and the power of God was with him to heal. Just then some people came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed.

L3: We do not have the strength to come to God. We are weary, afraid, and heavy laden. We are paralyzed and powerless. We need faithful friends or family members to carry us into the arms of hope. Sometimes we are those friends, carrying one whom we love into God’s presence.

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L2: They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus.

L3: Many barriers seem to separate us from God’s love: painful memories, deep doubt, shame, or sorrow. The church itself can crowd us out, making no room to receive us, pushing us to the margins. Even so, faith finds a way to open doors and break down walls, making clear the path to Jesus.

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L2: When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “Friend, your sins are forgiven you.” Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question: “Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

L3: We often seek healing when forgiveness is our deepest need. We need to be released from the burdens of our past; the guilt and shame that hold us fast, the anger and blame that bind us to pain. We need the mending mercy of God, the mercy that frees us and brings us wholeness and peace.

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L2: So that the people would know that Jesus had the authority to forgive sins, he said to the one that was paralyzed, “I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home.” Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them.

L3: This is healing: We, paralyzed, broken, and afraid, are carried by others into the presence of God, who welcomes and receives us in Christ Jesus. This is the miracle: Christ forgives us and sets us free, raises us to newness of life, and sends us home. This is the promise: Christ, our wounded healer, goes home with us, bringing God’s healing, forgiveness, and joy.

L2: A reading from James. Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them prayer over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who had committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

L1: Those who desire the laying on of hands and anointing are invited to come forward to a station near the cross.

L2: The station leader will place their hands upon your head and will then speak these words to you: “May Jesus fill you with love, mend you with mercy, and grant you peace.” Then the station leader will make the sign of the cross with oil on your forehead while saying, “You are

God's child, now and always." You are also invited to pray at the cross. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the Word. Whoever follows me will have the light of life." You are invited to light a candle and place it in the sand.

L1: The flame connects us to words spoken at our baptism: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

L2: Come, you who are paralyzed by guilt or shame or fear.

L3: Come, you who long for wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

L2: Come, you who ache for the healing of relationships or memories.

L3: Come, you who are filled with deep doubt or great sorrow.

L2: Come, you who weep with those who weep, and you who wait with those to whom death draws near.

L3: Come, for Jesus desires that we be made whole and alive in him.

As people journey to the cross for prayer, laying on of hands, and anointing, we listen: "Testify to Love" sung by Wynonna Judd

Let us pray. Giver of every good and perfect gift, **we praise you for your promise to heal. We thank you for receiving our prayers. We ask you to fill us with your Spirit that we might know your peace and share your love in this broken world, through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***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”

Hymn 595



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.

***THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

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***LORD'S PRAYER**

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SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see end of bulletin for additional announcements)

***BENEDICTION**

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

***DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” John Dykes

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

Choir Director:

Church Musician: Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

Lector: Joan LeClerc

Communion Assistant: Donna Bauer & Sandra Kuhn

Counters: Dennis Sauberlich & Sue Burroughs

Ushers: Tom Borchart, Mary McClure, John Law

Altar Guild: Mary McClure



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 24

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 a.m.

Quilting Angels

6:00-9:00 p.m.

New Horizons Orchestra

Wednesday, July 27

Thursday, July 28

Friday, July 29

9:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

Saturday, July 30

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

Sunday, July 31

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

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

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 – **August 2 @10am**

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.

APPROACHING COUNTING SCHEDULE

July 24, 2016 Jan Novy, Helen Dins
July 31, 2016 Dennis Sauberlich & Sue Burroughs
Aug. 7, 2016 Larry & Pricilla Gressler & John Law
Aug. 14, 2016 Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer, Pricilla Gressler
& Pam Trader

Weekly Contributions for Operating Budget & Debt Retirement

Sunday, July 17 attendance 29

Operating Budget Contributions: \$767.00

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

Debt Retirement Contributions: \$275.00

Needed each week for Mortgage: \$470.00



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***Open Hearts, Open Doors
Come Worship With Us!***

Sundays - 9AM with Holy Communion

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“Growing in Faith, Reaching Out with Love”

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!

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.