

 ***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***  
**Worship Service with Holy Communion**  
***Sunday, August 14, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.***  
***SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***

**PRELUDE**                      *“Aria, Bouree, and Finale”*                      G.F. Handel

**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** “*We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*” Hymn 451

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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**“LITTLE” SERMON**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL****Luke 12:49-56****C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.****“BIG” SERMON***Pastor Stephanie Lorenz***\*HYMN OF THE DAY***“Amazing Grace”*

Hymn 779

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

*“Jesus Loves Me!”*

Hymn 595

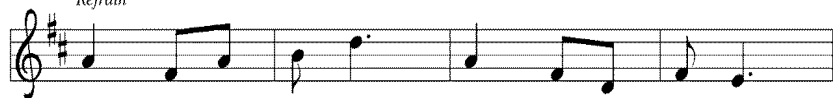


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



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.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**MEAL**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE COMMUNION BY INTINCTION**

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Believing that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, we invite all who believe in the body and blood of Jesus in the bread and wine to participate in Holy Communion. We commune by processing forward receiving the bread then dipping it into the chalice as the communion assistant says, “the blood of Christ shed for you.” The chalice with yarn tied around it contains grape juice and the chalice without yarn contains wine. Gluten free wafers are available.

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### **DISTRIBUTION**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER**

### **SENDING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG** *“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”* Hymn 551

**\*DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Air”*

G.F. Handel

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## SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

**Church Musician:**

**Lector:** Sandra Kuhn

**Communion Assistant:** Debbie Borchart & Joan LeClerc

**Counters:** Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer, Pricilla Gressler & Pam Trader

**Ushers:** Gary Mortensen & Gary Lucht

**Altar Guild:** Pricilla Gressler & Nia John



**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.**

**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, August 14**

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

### **Monday, August 15**

### **Tuesday, August 16**

6:00-9:00 p.m.

New Horizons Orchestra

### **Wednesday, August 17**

### **Thursday, August 18**

9:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

### **Friday, August 19**

9:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Saturday, August 20**

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Sunday, August 21**

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

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

### **Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Envelope Sunday**

On the **second Sunday** of each month, we offer a **designated reusable envelope (please don't seal)** for your **donations** to **Lutheran World Relief (LWR)**. We use the money to buy batting for quilts and items for the School Kits, Health Kits, Sewing Kits and Layettees that we send to LWR.

As of **07/05/2016**, we have **made 201 quilts**. We have a **special need** for your old blankets, mattress pads, bed skirts, bedspreads, bedding of all kinds (they can have holes and be well worn), drapes, fabric, blue jeans, khakis, yarn and thread (and baby clothes - gently used from rummage sales is great). **Just put them in the closet next to the front doors.**



**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**

**APPROACHING COUNTING SCHEDULE**

Aug. 21, 2016 Mary McClure & Sue Steffen

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

Sept. 4, 2016 Pricilla Gressler & John Law

Sept. 11, 2016 Tom Borchart, Donna Bauer, Pricilla Gressler  
& Pam Trader

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

Sunday, August 7 attendance 32

**Operating Budget Contributions:** \$1,089.00

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

**Debt Retirement Contributions:** \$360.00

**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***