



***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church***

**Worship Service with Holy Communion**

*Sunday, August 7, 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**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

**We praise you, O God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

**We praise you, O God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

**We praise you, O God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days.

Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

**We praise you, O God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*GATHERING SONG**     *"Blessed Assurance"*                   Hymn 638

**\*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**

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL****Luke 12: 32-40**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and

knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

**SERMON**

*Pastor Stephanie Lorenz*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Have No Fear, Little Flock*” Hymn 764

**\*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!”*

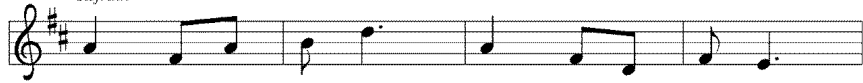


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



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**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

**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**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please see end of bulletin for additional announcements)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING SONG**

Hymn 774

*“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

**\*DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

## SERVING TODAY

**Pastor:** Pastor Stephanie Lorenz

**Church Musician:**

**Lector:** Joan LeClerc

**Counters:** Dennis Sauberlich, sue Burroughs

**Ushers:** Dennis Sauberlich, Sue Burroughs & Jarvis Girard

**Altar Guild:** Jan DeMenter, Joan LeClerc



**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).**

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

## Weekly Schedule

### **Sunday, August 7**

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

### **Monday, August 8**

### **Tuesday, August 9**

6:00-9:00 p.m.

New Horizons Orchestra

### **Wednesday, August 10**

### **Thursday, August 11**

### **Friday, August 12**

9:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Saturday, August 13**

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Regeneration Hmong Ministry

### **Sunday, August 14**

9:00 a.m.

Worship with Holy Communion

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

ORLC Council Meeting – **TBD**

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

Worship & Music – **September 21 @ 10:00am**

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## APPROACHING COUNTING SCHEDULE

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

Aug. 21, 2016 Mary McClure & Sue Steffen

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

Sept. 4, 2016 Pricilla Gressler & John Law



**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 31 attendance 30

**Operating Budget Contributions:** \$575.00

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

**Debt Retirement Contributions:** \$155.00

**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”***

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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*