

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**August 20, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church and School**

*Reaching Out into the Community*  
*To Do What's Best for the Community*

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**W**elcome to worship with the Redeemer family! We are pleased that you joined us for worship today. Our regular worship schedule each Sunday is **8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** Adult and youth Bible classes are held at **9:45 a.m.** as listed in the information page. If infants/toddlers become restless during worship, you are welcome to use the parent's room, located at the right of the narthex as you leave the sanctuary, but please come back. Children's quiet bags for use during church services are available in the narthex.

## ***Order of Worship***

*The worshipers are invited to sing or speak the words in **bold print** throughout the worship service.*

### ***Welcome and Announcements***

#### ***Call to Worship***

“Oh How Good It Is”

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**Oh how good it is when the fam'ly of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.**

*(Chorus)* **So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,  
And with one heart we'll live out His word;  
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,  
When we offer the blessing of belonging. *(chorus)***

**Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit. *(Chorus)***

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#### ***Invocation***

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### ***Confession***

**Lord God Almighty, during this season of growth we come to You in worship seeking Your forgiveness. We have not always read, marked and inwardly digested You Holy Word as You require. We have not been entirely faithful as Your baptized children. We have not kept our eyes fixed on You and the feast of victory that is ours in Your Son. Renew us today, that we might walk with You this week and grow in Your grace. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.**

#### ***Forgiveness of Sins***

#### ***Song of Praise***

“Holy Spirit”

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**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide with in, may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover eve'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.**

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### ***Prayer of the Day***

We pray together:

**Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray and more generous with us than we desire or deserve. Thank you for Your mercy and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### ***The First Reading***

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 ESV

56 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. 6 "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***The Second Reading***

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32 ESV

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? 28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***The Gospel Reading***

Matthew 15:21-28 ESV

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

## ***Children’s Message***

### ***Sermon Song of Praise***

“Jesus Strong and Kind”

Buchanan

**Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.**

**No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him.**

**Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to Him.**

**No one else can be my strength I should come to Him.**

*(Chorus)* **For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night.**

**We can always run to Jesus. Jesus, strong and kind.**

**Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him.**

**No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. *(Chorus)***

**Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me.**

**And he showed me on that cross, He will come to me. *(Chorus twice)***

**Jesus strong and kind.**

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## ***Message***

### ***The Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***Prayers of the People***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### ***Gathering of the Tithes and Offerings***

*(Please stand when the pastor stands and approaches the altar.)*

“Let There Be Wonder”

Redman

**Let this place be an upper room where Your people learn to wait.  
Let this house become holy ground where your children watch and pray.  
O, remind us today: we are people of Your presence.**

*(Chorus)* **Let there be wonder, let there be wonder in this place.  
Let there be worship, let there be worship for Your name.  
Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.  
Let there be wonder, let there be wonder.**

**We're in awe, and we fear Your name, but we will not be afraid.  
For the King in His holiness is our Father and our friend.  
O, remind us today, we are people of Your presence. *(Chorus)***

**Is He not the God who parted the sea? Is He not the One who heals our disease?  
Is He not the source of all that we need? You're all that we need.  
Is He not the God who emptied the grave? Is He not the One who breaks ev'ry  
chain?**

**Is He not the hope still with us today? You're with us today. *(Chorus)***

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### ***The Offering Prayer***

### ***The Words of Institution***

### ***The Sharing of the Peace***

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

### ***Distribution Songs of Praise***

*(Holy Communion is a special meal for the baptized followers of Jesus. Jesus is present in the bread and wine. He says, "This is My body...This is My blood." If you share this belief in His real presence, are repentant of your sins, and are baptized in the Triune God, you are welcome. Children who have not received instruction in the meaning of Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing; please fold your arms in front of you. Wine is offered via the common cup and individual*

glass. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Hand your connection card to the usher as you go up for communion..) (Please join in singing:)

“Lamb of God”

Marty Haugen

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You are the bread of life for us all:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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“O Praise the Name”

Sampson

**I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.  
His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph’s tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.**

*(Chorus)* **O Praise the Name of the Lord our God.**

**O praise His Name forevermore.**

**For endless days we will sing Your praise.**

**Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.**

**Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of Heaven rose again.**

**O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. *(Chorus)***

**He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.**

**And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus’ face. *(chorus)***

**Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.**

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“Speak, O Lord”

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**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.**

**Take Your truth; plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness**

**That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.**

**Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.**

**Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.**

**Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.**

**Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.**

**Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity**

**And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.**

**Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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### ***The Communion Blessing***

### ***The Prayer of Thanksgiving***

### ***The Benediction***

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

Forgiven and fed, you are now entering the mission field.

**Here am I, Lord, send me!**

Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### ***Closing Song of Praise***

“I Will Follow”

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

**Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;**

**When You move, I'll move. I will follow.**

**All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.**

**Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.**

*(Chorus)* **Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;**

**When You move, I'll move; I will follow You.**

**Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve.**

**If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.**

**I will follow You, yeah.**

**Light into the world, Light into my life – I will live for You alone.**

**You're the One I seek, knowing I will find all I need in You alone. *(Chorus)***

**In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.**

**In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow. *(Chorus)***

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