



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 2, 2020 | 11am**

# WELCOME!

*As a community in the model of Christ, we warmly welcome all who have come seeking God in worship at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church. We welcome people of every race, gender, ethnic background, social status, physical ability, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Together in our diversity and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we seek to embrace the love of God offered to us in Jesus Christ. We gather to experience the presence of God in Word and Sacrament and to give praise to God who loves us unconditionally.*

## Welcome! It is a joy to worship together!

**ONLINE:** Our Redeemer's live streams worship online using Zoom and Facebook Live. Please join us at 11am on upcoming Sundays. Here's how:

- By phone: call 1-206-337-9723. Then enter this number when prompted: 822 691 346. This method will let you listen in, but not view the service.
- By FaceBook Live: Simply go to [www.facebook.com/ourredeemers](http://www.facebook.com/ourredeemers). You don't have to have a facebook account – it's a public channel.
- By Zoom:  
Download the Zoom app to your computer, tablet, or cell phone. It's free!  
Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>. The link works from 10:45am – 12:15pm every Sunday.

**BULLETINS:** The bulletin for Sunday and any special services is available on our website for download: [www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship](http://www.ourredeemers.net/virtual-worship). You can print it at home, or save a tree and follow the pdf document on-screen.

### OUR MISSION:

*In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks and grows.*

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# GATHER

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & SILENT PREPARATION

## OPENING HYMN

*"In Thee is Gladness"*



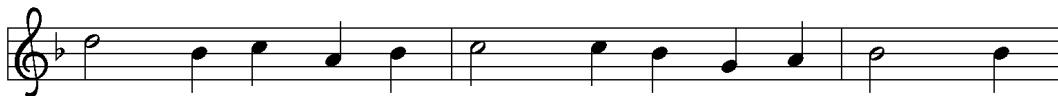
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his

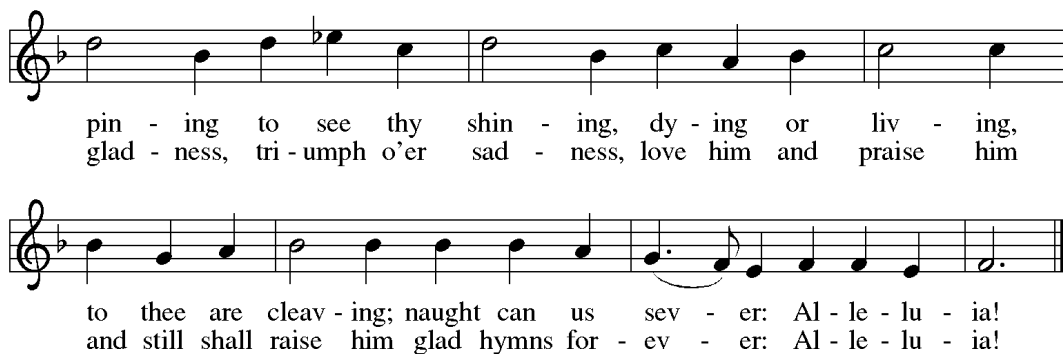


break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for

*continued*



### \*GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.  
 Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to  
 all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# WORD

## \*FIRST READING

*Romans 12:1-8*

A reading from Romans the 12th chapter. Listen for the word of God.

**Our ears and hearts are open.**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

Praise God above, sing alleluia.

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!

For God's infinite love, sing alleluia.

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 16:13-20*

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## KID'S MESSAGE / SERMON

Pastor Gretchen Mertes



# SONG OF THE DAY

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## **\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of Abundance, you take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Creation, your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Mercy, you offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Sustenance, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Great and Small, you offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your hospitality to all whom we encounter.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*For what else do the people of God pray?*

God of the Eternal, you gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## **\*PEACE**

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*You may greet others and may say,  
"Peace be with you." or similar words.*

# MEAL

## **OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of goodness and growth,  
all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
Water and word, wine and bread:  
these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Nourish us through these gifts,  
that we might proclaim your steadfast love  
in our communities and in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
**Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Remember us Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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 THE MEAL**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Jonathan Rundman*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world..  
O Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION SONG

*"I'm on a Journey" by Gretchen Mertes*

I'm on a journey,  
Through this desert  
And on my back  
I've strapped a stone  
I can't give up,  
I won't look back  
I'm going home, Lord  
I'm going home.

Where we are going  
All are wanted  
The road is long  
And mile on mile  
But when you see  
The prize before you  
The struggle seems,  
It seems worthwhile

We're not the first to  
Make this voyage  
Jesus walked it  
Long ago (long ago)  
So his footsteps  
They are our guide  
We know the way to go,  
The way to go.

## \*TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
**Amen.**



# SENDING

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have tasted your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.  
Empower us to go forth held up by these gifts  
so that we may share your radical love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GODSPEED

*for Shannon Beck*

Shannon is leaving our congregation, and we wish to bid her farewell.

"The Lord said, I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

In holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of this church. When you came to this congregation we rejoiced to welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. In this community of faith you have heard the proclamation of the word, which reveals God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at Christ's holy table and called to be a witness to the gospel. God has blessed you in this community of faith, and God has blessed us through you. We encourage you to continue to receive and share God's gifts in Chicago as a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Shannon and for our life together in this congregation and community. As she has been a blessing to us, so now send her forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

In work and worship

**God is with us.**

Gathered and scattered

**God is with us.**

Now and always

**God is with us.**

God is with you – of whom shall you be afraid?

May you go out into the world filled with Spirit of the God  
who made you, loves you, and empowers you to live fiercely.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG

*"Built on a Rock"*

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are

3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are

ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the

life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.

midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.

## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**



## Can you help?

In these times of worry and fear, when we don't know what is secure and what is not, we trust in God's love and promise to be with us, no matter what. For some of us, finances are upside down and employment may be scarce. For others of us, we are weathering the storm so far, so good.

**It is important, if you are able, to help our church remain on solid financial footing through this crisis.**

The work we do is possible because we all work together as one for the greater good. We are called to be the body of Christ.

Please use one of the donation methods at right to keep your pledge on track, or to make an extra contribution. If its not feasible for you right now, please don't worry. We all have gifts to offer at different times, and in various ways. God bless us all.

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## How to Make an Offering or Donate Online or by Phone

### Using Your Cell Phone

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.
- **Press send.** You will receive a registration link.
- **Click the link** and enter your contact and payment information.
- **Tap "Process."** You will receive a verification text and a receipt by email.

To give to a designated fund, text "Funds" and you'll receive a list of currently active funds.

- **Enter: 206-717-8465** and the amount you wish to donate.

### Online Giving

[Make a Donation to Our Redeemer's](#)

Questions? Contact Karie Stearns, [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net).

**Thank you!**



### **We Pray for...**

Jim Abbey, Ronda Andrews, Patsy Baker, Boone Family, Kathleen Dahlgren, Anita Dickinson, Mr. Drakos, Paul Grindahl, Colin Johnson, Steven Jones, Mary Mangold, Rev. Robert Ohnstad, Barbara Olsen, Pete Paulson, Linda Ravenhorst, Duaine Rembold, Len Sandelli, Gary Schulze, Karen Tomlinson, Rachel Quinn Wall, Marlene Watson, George Weller, Margaret Wetter, Janet Woodfield; long term care facilities, especially Ballard Center, that leadership will do the right thing to keep residents and staff safe and healthy through additional testing; educators; doctors, nurses, and other health professionals; pastors, bishops, church workers, and mental health specialists; for all affected by COVID-19 economically, physically, and emotionally; mental health of members and staff; immigrant families remaining separated; Road2Housing guests; loved ones with cancer.

### **Grieving the Loss of...**

Elaine Anderson; Emerson Boone; Apanakhi Buckley; Carol Buschmann; David Kilimanjaro Mwau; Rev. Ron Soine; Bjarne Varness

*To include someone in the prayers for 4 weeks, please fill out a Prayer Request card or email the church.*

### **IN OUR SERVICE TODAY**

Preaching: Pastor Gretchen Mertes  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, check the website or current newsletter.

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## worship Sundays 11am

[Zoom Online or via Facebook](#)

Join us each Sunday online for fellowship and worship – a blend of our traditional and informal services. All are welcome!



## faith formation

**Claiming Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice** | Sundays, (9:30am), [via Zoom](#)

Join us for Sunday morning conversations in which we typically watch a short video and discuss it. Keep studying and learning!  
Take part by connecting to the meeting [via Zoom](#).



## social justice

**How to Be an Anti-Racist** | 6 Mondays Starting Aug. 3, 7:30pm [via Zoom](#)

Marie Brisette, a member at Our Redeemers and professor at Bellevue college, will be leading us in a study of How to Be an Anti-Racist. In preparation, order the book now! Or download on Audible. Here's the schedule:

8/3 Intro, Chapter 1-3

8/10 Chapter 4-6

8/17 Chapter 7-8

8/24 Chapter 9-11

8/31 Chapter 12-14

9/7 Chapter 15-18

For more information or if you have questions, email [liebergm@gmail.com](mailto:liebergm@gmail.com).



# community

**Buy Nothing Church Yard "Sale"** | Saturday, August 8, 10am – 2pm

Our Redeemer's is renovating our building, and we have tons of stuff to give away \*for free\* that we don't want to end up in a landfill! Come by the church on Saturday August 8th from 10am–2pm for furniture (sofas, bookshelves, desks, office furniture), TONS of all kinds of books, craft supplies, office supplies, two beautiful upright pianos, mini-fridges, coffee makers, and more! Don't forget to wear masks, and be mindful of social distancing!

**Help Pastor Kathy Cull Through Church Library Books** | Tomorrow thru Wednesday, August 3, 4 & 5, 3–5pm

If you love libraries and going through books, sorting, culling and stacking, consider helping Pastor Kathy clean our the church library. There are all kinds of books to go through and decide to toss, keep or give-away, and your help will be priceless! Contact [Pastor Kathy](#) if you are able to help out.

**Seeking Candidates for Social Justice Coordinator Position**  
Apply by August 31st

We have an open position for Social Justice Coordinator. If you or someone you know is a fit for what we're looking for, see the job advertisement at the link here: [LINK TO JOB AD.](#)



Shannon Beck, our Social Justice Coordinator, has accepted a one-year residency in Chaplaincy at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, IL. Please send her your prayers as she undertakes this new potential.

To send her off in a positive way, we've set up an opportunity for you to give money to Shannon to help her with moving and living expenses. If you are able and are so moved, [PLEASE GIVE by linking here \(choose "Shannon Beck Farewell"\)](#). You may also [give by text, check or mobile giving \(reference "Shannon"\)](#). Thank you!



## This Week at Our Redeemer's

The Church Building is closed to In-Person events. Meetings and services are conducted via Zoom and/or streamed online\*

*Today, August 2*

9:30am - Owning Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice | [Online-via Zoom](#)

**11am - Online Worship Service** | [Online-via Zoom/Facebook](#)

*Monday, August 3*

7:30pm - How to Be an Anti-Racist | [via Zoom](#)

*Saturday, August 8*

10am-2pm - Buy Nothing "Sale" | Our Redeemer's Front Yard

*Sunday, August 9*

9:30am - Owning Our Story: White Privilege and Racial Justice | [Online-via Zoom](#)

**11am - Online Worship Service** | [Online-via Zoom/Facebook](#)

\* Email [office@ourredeemers.net](mailto:office@ourredeemers.net) for Zoom meeting information.



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